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Don't travel to Israel, Iran: India tells citizens

India on Friday asked its citizens not to travel to Iran and Israel amid increasing fears that Tehran may launch an attack on Israeli soil in retaliation to a strike on the Iranian consulate in Syria 11 days ago. People familiar with the latest developments said no more Indians will be allowed to go to Israel to work in the construction sector. Over 6,000 construction workers from India were to leave for Israel in April and May | P11

NIA nabs B'luru bomber, mastermind in Bengal

Alleged bomber Mussavir Hussain Shazeb and mastermind Adbul Matheen Taha were staying in a lodge under false identities

BALA CHAUHAN & MUKESH RANJAN @ Bengaluru/ New Delhi

THE National Investigation Agency (NIA) arrested two accused in the Bengaluru Rameshwaram Cafe blast — the alleged mastermind Adbul Matheen Taha and bomber Mussavir Hussain Shazeb — from West Bengal in the wee hours of Friday.

The two were staying in a low-budget lodge in Kanthi — a small town about 180 km from Kolkata in the state's Purba Medinipur district. As per NIA, they were staying in the lodge under false names. The agency, in an official release, acknowledged the cooperation of central intelligence agencies and state police agencies of West Bengal, Karnataka, Telangana and Kerala in the professionally coordinated joint operation to nab the two terror accused.

The NIA special court in Kolkata, where the accused were produced, granted three days transit remand to the agency to take them to Bengaluru.

Taha's arrest is a breakthrough for the NIA as his name figured prominently as an accused in several terror-related cases in Karnataka since 2019.

Accused being taken to NIA court in Kolkata on Friday| PTI

The NIA announced a bounty of ₹10 lakh on credible information leading to the arrest of Taha and Shazeb. The two belong to Thirthahalli in Shivamogga district.

"It was Taha who also worked on the escape plans of the duo and managed to evade arrest all these weeks," a senior NIA official informed.

In May 2020, the NIA had announced a reward of ₹3 lakh for information leading to Taha's arrest in the Al-Hind Bengaluru module case. The module is said to be behind the murder of a Hindu leader in Tamil Nadu.

The Rameshwaram Cafe blast on March 1 in the IT hub of Bengaluru injured nine persons. Shazeb allegedly kept the bag containing the IED near the hand wash area of popular cafe. He was spotted de-boarding a bus before entering the cafe with the bag.

On March 28, the NIA arrested Muzammil Shareef, an alleged key conspirator, from Bengaluru after massive raids across 18 locations in three states; 12 in Karnataka, 5 in Tamil Nadu and one in UP.

BIG CATCH

- Mastermind Taha belongs to a self-proclaimed terror outfit 'Al Hind IS', which was formed in B'luru in 2019
- He is said to be the common thread in almost all terrorist activities in Karnataka ever since 2019

A LITTLE COMFORT

Decline in food and fuel prices helps cool inflation

Retail inflation moderates to 4.85% in March

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

INDIA's annual retail inflation declined to 4.85% in March, down from 5.09% in February, according to government data released on Friday. The consumer price based inflation has remained within the RBI's target range.

The data showed that food and beverage inflation fell a wee bit to 7.68% in March from 7.8% recorded in February. Fuel inflation stood at -3.24%, a decrease from -0.77%.

Cooking oil prices witnessed an 11.72% decline in March, while the price rise in spices slowed to 11.4% from 13.28% in February. The inflation in pulses decreased to 17.71% from 20.47% in January.

However, vegetable prices shot up 28.34% in March, disturbing the kitchen budget of households. Cereal prices also rose 8.37% during the month.

According to ICRA, the food & beverages inflation will remain above the 7% mark in April. It warns that the impending heatwave may push prices of perishables, heightening the criticality of a favourable monsoon in 2024 to keep food inflation in check.

BOYCOTT OF COURTS

HC to amend rules to act against errant advocates

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

THE High Court of Karnataka has published a draft of the proposed amendment to the "Rules laying down conditions subject to which an advocate shall be permitted to practice in the high court and the courts subordinate thereto (Amendment) Rules, 2024" framed by it.

The purpose of the amendment is to insert Rule 13, which deals with strike/boycott of courts by advocates. The rule proposes to consider strike by advocates as an interference with the administration of justice. Advocates participating in strikes by boycotting courts may be suspended from practising in lower or higher courts.

The proposed rules will come into force from the date of their publication in the gazette.

According to the draft published recently, if advocates or the association of advocates have grievances or complaints, they should submit a written representation to the chief justice or the grievance redressal committee (GRC) constituted by the chief justice.

If the errant advocates do not abide by any advice for amicable settlement, the GRC is at liberty to submit a report to the CJ to initiate proceedings against them.

ONLY CONG FULFILLS ITS PROMISES: KHARGE

Congress in-charge of Karnataka Randeep Singh Surjewala, AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge and DCM DK Shivakumar at a poll rally in Kalaburagi on Friday | EXPRESS

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI @ Kalaburagi

CONGRESS president Mallikarjun Kharge said on Friday that his party has implemented its guarantees promised during the last Assembly elections in Karnataka, but the BJP government at the Centre has not fulfilled its promises even after 10 years.

Participating in a campaign meeting of Congress candidate Radhakrishna Doddamani, Kharge sought to know if the Modi government has fulfilled any of its promises. He said Congress has implemented its five guarantees and the people of Karnataka are enjoying their benefits now. "Are you enjoying the benefits of any guarantees of the Modi government?," he asked the audience.

Kharge said, "During the previous Lok Sabha elections, Modi promised people that if his party comes to power, it will create two crore jobs every year. Has he fulfilled this promise? Modi promised to bring back black money stashed abroad and give every Indian Rs 15 lakh. Has anybody received Rs 15 lakh? Modi also promised to double the income of farmers. Has any farmer's income doubled so far?"

He claimed that only Congress fulfils the promises it makes. If I.N.D.I.A. comes to power, it will provide Rs 1 lakh each to a woman head of a poor family, it will give Rs 1 lakh each to youth who have completed one-year apprenticeship in any company for self-employment, it will legalise MSP for farm produce, and waive crop loans of farmers.

Kharge alleged that the rail coach production unit, which he started in Yadgir district when he was Union minister, was stopped by the NDA government. His request to upgrade the ESIC Medical Complex in Kalaburagi to All-India Institute of Medical Sciences was turned down. CONTINUED ON: P8

India relocates diplomatic staff from Sittwe to Yangon

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ New Delhi

IN view of the precarious security situation in the Myanmarese city of Sittwe, India has relocated its staff from its consulate there to Yangon. According to reports, several parts of Myanmar have been witnessing intense fighting between the military junta and resistance forces, which have already captured several towns, including military bases.

"We have temporarily relocated our staff at CGI (Consulate General of India) Sittwe to Yangon. Our Consulate in Mandalay remains fully functional," Randhir Jaiswal, spokesperson, Ministry of External Affairs, said on Friday. He added that India is closely monitoring the ongoing conflict between the military junta in Myanmar and the ethnic armed organisations.

Jaiswal said the security situation in Myanmar remains "precarious" and is deteriorating. "Necessary steps have been taken to ensure the safety of our citizens," he said at his weekly media briefing.

EXPRESS READ

Noted astrologer SK Jain passes away at 66 in Bengaluru

Bengaluru: Noted astrologer **Dr Surendra Kumar Jain** passed away in Bengaluru on Friday due to pulmonary complications. He was 66. Jain had become a household name with his show telecast on a Kannada channel for over 20 years. Recently, the government conferred the Rajyotsava Award on him | P5

Vote from home starts today in K'taka, to continue for 5 days

Bengaluru: Voting in Karnataka, which comes under Phase-2 of the elections across India, starts from April 13 with Vote From Home (VFH) and will continue for the next five days. A total of 40,743 people have opted for VFH. Of them, 37,739 people are aged above 85 years of age and 13,004 are People with Disabilities (PwD) | P4

Independent candidate for Shivamogga Lok Sabha constituency KS Eshwarappa arrives to file his nomination with PM Modi lookalike Sadananda Nayak of Udupi, on Friday | EXPRESS

'Modi' shines in KSE roadshow in S'mogga

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Shivamogga

WHEN the issue of using PM Modi's picture during poll campaign by independent candidate KS Eshwarappa is before a local court, the former deputy chief minister sprung a surprise on thousands of his supporters by bringing a man resembling Modi to file his nomination papers for Lok Sabha elections, in the city on Friday.

Sadananda Nayak, the Modi lookalike, hails from Bommarabettu village of Hiriyadka town in Udupi district. He is a cook and started working after dropping out of school.Nayak took part in a massive procession taken out by Rashtrabhaktara Balaga, which is supporting Eshwarappa for Shivamogga Lok Sabha seat.

A large number of supporters from different parts of the district and also from Byndoor Assembly constituency participated in the procession.

Nayak stole the show as he marched with Eshwarappa in the city. Waving at the crowd, Nayak sought support for Eshwarappa with folded hands. Raising slogans in support of Eshwarappa, his supporters carried flags bearing the picture of Modi during the procession.

"After winning the Shivamogga Lok Sabha seat, I will go to New Delhi and take the blessings of PM Modi and support him," Eshwarappa said after filing his nomination papers.

KSE FILES PAPERS AS INDEPENDENT

Shivamogga: Senior BJP leader K S Eshwarappa filed his nomination papers as an independent candidate from the Shivamogga Lok Sabha constituency on Friday | P8

Visually challenged files papers

RAMAKRISHNA BADSESHI @ Bidar

PERHAPS for the first time in the history of Lok Sabha elections from Bidar constituency, a visually challenged candidate filed his nomination papers for the seat here on Friday.

Deelip Nagappa Boosa from Kadawad village in Bidar taluk took oath as a candidate using the braille script. He filed his papers before Bidar deputy commissioner Govind Reddy, who is also the returning officer.

Deelip, who studied up to Class 12, told *TNIE* that he got attracted to politics at a young age and wanted to contest elections.

A musician by profession, Deelip said he opened a school for visually challenged people in Bidar a decade ago. However, with no support or grants from the government or NGOs, he had to shut the school.

Deelip said he would visit villages in the constituency with his supporters and seek votes. He will also use social media to reach voters. He stressed the need to reserve some seats in the elected bodies, including Lok Sabha, for physically challenged people.

Visually challenged candidate Deelip Boosa files his nomination papers for Bidar LS seat on Friday | EXPRESS

Despite anti-incumbency, Owaisi is frontrunner

AJAY TOMAR @ Hyderabad

SITTING at a juice shop opposite Mecca Masjid near Charminar on Eid-ul-Fitr, Noor Mohammed, a businessman and resident of Moghulpura, lamented the lack of basic amenities and civic infrastructure in Hyderabad's Old City, the bastion of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM).

"For two decades, [Asaduddin] Owaisi has been the MP from here. But the dingy lanes, traffic snarls, potholed passages and inundation of streets are testimony to the bad conditions in most areas under the constituency," Noor remarked, drawing a comparison with Cyberabad and Secunderabad. Nevertheless, the 52-year-old businessman said the AIMIM boss wins because he voices the concerns of the Muslim community on a nationwide platform.

The Hyderabad Lok Sabha constituency, which has a Muslim majority, has been an AIMIM stronghold for four decades since Sultan Salahuddin Owaisi first won as an independent in 1984. After six consecutive victories, son Asaduddin took over in 2004. In 2019, he defeated his nearest rival — the BJP's Bhagavanth Rao — by over 2.8 lakh votes. Notably, the polling percentage (44.84%) in 2019 was the second lowest in the segment since 1957 when it was 41.1%.

Six of the seven Assembly segments falling under Hyderabad are represented by AIMIM legislators. One, Goshamahal, is with the BJP, with T Raja Singh winning for the third time in 2023. With Feroz Khan, who contested from Hyderabad in 2019 on a Congress ticket recently indicating that *dosti* (friendship) has been forged between the AIMIM and the grand old party — the ruling party in the state is yet to even announce its candidate — Asaduddin's main opponent will be the BJP's new firebrand Madhavi Latha.

Latha was arguably more popular outside the segment, at least till a recent TV interview. "I came to know about her only from *Aap ki Adalat*," said a person at Alijah Kotla, one of the many singing Latha's praises. The 49-year-old chairperson of Virinchi hospitals, who is a trained Bharatanatyam dancer, told this newspaper that the entire neighbourhood — Secunderabad and Cyberabad — has gone much ahead. CONTINUED ON: P11

SHOWTIME FOR GLADIATORS

ILLUSTRATION: MANDAR PARDIKAR

BWSSB, APARTMENTS STRIKE A DEAL FOR SALE OF TREATED WATER

Board to serve as a bridge between buyer and seller through its infrastructure, manpower

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

IN an effort to ensure treated water by apartments is put to effective use, an agreement was inked on Friday between the Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) and Bangalore Apartments Federation (BAF). The water board will serve as the bridge between the buyer and seller through its infrastructure and manpower.

BAF is a federation of Apartment Owners Associations and Resident Welfare Associations in the city.

The agreement was inked at Cauvery Bhavan with chairman V Ram Prasath Manohar signing it on behalf of the board with BAF members, said an official release.

Manohar told TNIE, "Bengaluru becomes the first in the country to sign this unique agreement. We are creating a market to sell the treated water by apartments which is otherwise wasted by letting out into canals. Apartments presently do not know how to reach out to those in need and we will facilitate that." The city prouces 1,200 million litres per day (MLD) of treated water, of which atleast 700 MLD is generated by the apartments.

He added, "It is a win-win situation for all. For every 1,000 litres of treated water that is sold, BWSSB will get Rs 2 while BAF will get Rs 8. Those who require the water, will get it at their doorsteps. We will use tankers (private ones) and our manpower to facilitate the process." The release said the state government had issued an order (April 3) recently permitting third parties to sell treated water. "Following the government order, there was a shortage of facilitating agencies to efficiently supply treated water to consumers. Thereafter, the water board stepped forward to act as a link between BAF and the consumers," While tankers will be used to supply water initially, pipelines would be used in future to supply it, it added.

This initiative will allow apartments in Bengaluru to make efficient use of treated water and offset the costs of treating water, thus reducing pressure on Cauvery water and borewells, it stated. "The decision is expected to be financially beneficial for the water board in the future," it added.

Report: Bengaluru's search related to water up by 101%

Bengaluru: Finding themselves helpless, Bengalureans have now turned to the internet to address their water woes. Many localities in the city have been deprived of portable drinking water, with the summer getting hotter and drier. Findings from the latest Justdial Consumer Trends Report underscore the pressing need for immediate action from all stakeholders. The hyper-local business search engine shows a 101 per cent increase in consumer queries related to water issues from the city. Second in line was Hyderabad with an uptick of 56 per cent in searches related to water. Among the most searched categories on the Justdial platform were water tank dealers, drinking water tanker suppliers, water tank repairs and services, and water tank cleaning services, reflecting the growing concern among consumers regarding water availability and quality. By understanding these consumer trends, policymakers, businesses, and individuals can work collaboratively to devise solutions for water conservation and ensure a sustainable future. According to the data, water tanker businesses with a digital presence saw a surge in demand during the past quarter, highlighting the growing importance of online visibility for such vendors. By embracing the digital landscape, traditional water tanker suppliers can tap into a wider customer base and streamline their operations.

People collect drinking water from a water tanker at Rajarajeshwari Nagar in Bengaluru on Friday | EXPRESS

2.86L aerators installed, 20 borewells for B'luru East

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

Bangalore Water Supply Sewerage Board (BWSSB), chairman, Ram Prasath Manohar V instructed officials to speed up the installation of aerators in government offices and public areas to reduce water wastage. The board informed that after making installation of aerators mandatory in the city, a total of 2,86,114 faucets have been installed. The board also permitted the drilling of 20 additional tubewells in Bengaluru East.

"BWSSB surveyed 714 bulk consumers who consume more than 10 lakh litres every month. Information was collected from them out of which 481 bulk consumers informed that they had already installed aerators. Officials have been instructed to conduct a proper check," informed Manohar, after a meeting with the officials.

Meanwhile, a total of 127 users who make use of more than 10 lakh litres of water per month approached the BWSSB to supply treated water instead. The board produces 1,200 MLD of treated water every day and will provide the water available to public and private STPs near the locations of these industries. The chairman emphasised that this would reduce the burden on the supply of Cauvery River water and encourage further use of treated water. Manohar added that a further discount on the price of treated water can be given to industries and construction companies that demand large quantities of treated water. The decision will soon be taken on the same.

BWSSB will simultaneously work on creating awareness through different campaigns to address misconceptions about the use of treated water among the people. Several complaints received about defunct tubewells were also addressed and officials have been instructed to restore those on an urgent basis. Manohar said that he will conduct a review in this regard next week and said that a third-party inspection will also be conducted on the adequate implementation of the projects.

LEADING THE WAY TO CHANGE

RWAs to better city's poor voting percentage this polls

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

WITH elections just two weeks away, residential apartments in the city have ramped up their voter awareness campaigns, urging citizens to not miss the polling day and not plan a vacation during that period. With a vision to ensure that the voter percentage is 100 per cent this Lok Sabha polls, over 250 residential welfare associations (RWAs) have been working day in and out to help fellow residents with their queries and documentation.

Speaking to TNIE, Poornima Shetty, president of Rustam Bagh Association for Welfare and United RWA for Konena Agrahara who is spearheading the entire campaign said the idea is to make a difference in Bengaluru's poor voting percentage without influencing their choices. "Despite being an urban settlement and understanding the importance of exercising one's right, many don't take it seriously. They will either treat the holiday as a vacation or refrain from participating. That is what we want to change."

She added that the group spread across different parts of the city has been engaging with their localities over in-person meet-ups in common spaces, temples, markets and events. The other engagement is through social media via Whatsapp groups and Twitter handles by sharing relevant posters and small clips. Many have also gone the extra mile and made registration and corrections in voter IDs simpler for the residents. Having done this for the last two elections, LS polls 2019 and state assembly elections 2023, Poornima and the volunteers believe the "public mindset is slowly changing."

With a unique approach, a group of RWAs in NGEF Layout in Nagarbhavi have been making use of the auto tippers that collect dry and wet waste in the mornings. "We have used two methods, one is using garbage collectors to help spread the message to every home via small audio messages and the second is using Whatsapp groups. We have 10 mains and each has 10 crosses, which has individual groups and are coordinated by three leaders from every area," said Datta Saraf, a 50-year-old volunteer.

Another volunteer, Ritika Bali from Mahadevapura Constituency said she receives over 600 queries regularly. "Residents also trust us as we have no hidden agenda and a personal connection always helps."

IPL match days: Last Metros to depart terminals at 11.30pm

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Bengaluru

To facilitate a comfortable ride to and from the Chinnaswamy stadium for public during the TATA IPL-T20 match days in the city, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) has decided to extend the final service of trains from its four terminating stations to 11.30 pm on four specific days. At present, the last train from the end stations depart at 11 pm.

The terminii are Silk Institute, Challghatta, Kadugodi (Whitefield) and Nagasandra and the match days are April 15, May 4, May 12 and May 18. An official release said that on all match days, return journey paper tickets of Rs 50 will be available for sale at all Metro stations from 2 pm onwards. This ticket is valid at Cubbon Park and MG Road Metro stations only for a single journey to any other Metro station from 8 pm until closure of extended services, it added. QR code tickets, Smart Cards and NCMC Cards also can be used by commuters. Public are advised to purchase QR tickets well in advance of match days on WhatsApp/ Namma Metro App/ Pay TM.

EXPRESS READ

NLSIU to get centre to explore effects of new tech on legal system

Bengaluru: The National Law School of India University received a grant from the JSW Group for a comprehensive redevelopment and expansion of the University's core Academic Block and Precinct. The undisclosed amount will also cover the establishment of the 'JSW Centre on the Future of Law'. The grant will also aid in the redevelopment of the New Academic Block (NAB), located in the southern part of the NLSIU campus at Nagarabhavi. The new centre will be used to explore the effects of new technologies on the future of the legal system, profession and education. The centre will also host doctoral and postdoctoral researchers

HOPE SHINES

IIIT-B develops tech to empower blind students, aims to promote inclusivity

PURAN CHOUDHARY @Bengaluru

ACCORDING to a report published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology in 2022, there is an estimated 4.95 million blind persons and 70 million vision-impaired persons in India, out of which 0.24 million are blind children. However, this number could soon become less of a hindrance for the visually impaired as students from the International Institute of Information Technology-Bangalore (IIIT-B) developed a first-of-its-kind technology to help vision-impaired students get a seamless learning experience in physical classrooms.

Mayank Kabra, a final year M.Teach student with his peers– Divyansh Singhal, Chinmay Sultania, Soham Pawar and Anshul Maduwar made this cost-effective technology to promote inclusivity in all educational institutions and has also acquired a patent for 'System and method for assisting the visually impaired.'

"Today a lot of visually impaired students cannot continue their education with their other fellow mates in schools, owing to their disability. There are no solutions for it yet, either one has to invest in a very expensive device, study separately or discontinue their education, told Kabra to TNIE. He added that they wanted to address this issue and help the visually impaired to have a seamless learning experience.

"The idea was to create something that would help the visually impaired track what professors are teaching in live classes. The technology comes with hardware which is mounted on the finger and uses a digital board. When the student puts his/her finger on a flat surface, the board is virtually mapped on it. The vibration inside the finger device will help them trace the shape of the diagrams, figures or text on the digital board," explained Kabra. The device works on a six-dot braille system, tiny motors and microcontrollers. The device is as heavy as an oximeter that was used during COVID-19. He further added that the device is equipped with braille dots, allowing the user to understand the text in real time. These devices will be connected through Wi-Fi or the local board to transfer information. The team has been working for about a year on the device. Kabra informed that similar devices in the market are valued at over Rs 50,000, however, this one will be cost-effective and accessible to all groups in the society.

The finger-mounted device is built keeping in mind school children as they are the first ones to drop out of pursuing formal education. The IIIT-B team is looking at testing it in some schools and NGOs, with a firm belief that it would need only basic adjustments and children can activate it with just a button's click. The team is looking for collaborators who will help them manufacture the device on a large scale and take it to the public.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

13th April: Today's significant number is four, which signifies practical achievement. If we add this to a spirit of peace and love, and if we choose the path of friendship, cooperation and collaboration then the stars are on our side. I can't think of a better message for the day.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr. 20)
Very conveniently, today's stars are deeply sociable. You are in probably a better situation than anyone else to arrange events and host parties. Don't worry about practical confusion, for other people will rally round. You may even make a virtue out of an element of mystery.

TAURUS (Apr. 21 - May 21)
Your romantic life seems to be dominated by secrecy and fantasy. So, even if you seem to be confident socially, it is likely that you are holding a great deal back. Don't be surprised if others misunderstand your motives! And don't be put out if a partner plans a practical joke.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
If current financial arrangements don't suit, you may now wish to back out. In fact, you may even be able to drop a few commitments, including emotional ones, without anybody noticing. You might conceivably see that what was once so important is now completely irrelevant.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
You are about to discover hidden business skills, and partners may be amazed at your ability to take shrewd decisions. A temporary obstacle or hold-up should pass fairly quickly, largely thanks to your own sensible attitudes. Oh, and don't take trivial matters too seriously.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Colleagues, friends and relations all have their own ideas. Don't expect other people to roll over and say 'yes' to your every whim. It is essential that partners criticise your plans, for this is the only way that you'll work out exactly what you want.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
The whole progress of events is now determined not by what you want, but by what others are doing. Look, listen and learn, for events beyond your control will throw up extremely useful opportunities. You might be aware of a friend's change of attitude before long.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
You are skilled in the art of compromise, but even your diplomatic talents could be stretched to the limit. It's always difficult being a perfectionist, and now you may have to consider backing down on a point of principle. Remember, compromise is a virtue.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
You are in a decisive mood, but hidden pitfalls are everywhere. Social activities should be based around shared interests. Even a romantic relationship could blossom if you show enthusiasm for a loved one's favourite hobby, even if you do have to put on a fixed smile!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Mars makes its ambitious way around your chart, proclaiming that whatever the emotional complications, you can use your time in no better way than to get to grips with practical chores. The last thing you want to do at the moment is waste your time dealing with pointless rumours.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
Family gatherings should be at the top of the agenda, as should any improvements in domestic decor and decorations. Once you are happy that you have a pleasant place to relax, you will be able to tackle worldly ambitions. If you're in the right place at the right time you might even hear the news that changes your life!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
You may hold the centre stage and occupy all the time and space you need to get your point across. There is still plenty to be accomplished at home and, whatever you think, you are now entering a busy phase, with commitments and responsibilities piling up.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
It will do you good to spend a little time by yourself, dwelling on the past and planning the future. You may allow your spiritual aspirations and selfless instincts to dictate the pace, rather than any promise of immediate gain. Selfishness doesn't suit you!

SUDOKU MEDIUM

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Solutions to Yesterday's puzzle

6	3	9	7	8	1	4	5	2
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7	8	4	1	2	9	5	6	3
3	4	1	8	6	5	9	2	7
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TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Knock back drink after drink; result - uproar (6)
4 Assigns to a berth in stormy seas (8)
9 An egg I scrambled; obviously not new-laid (6)
10 Right o sweetheart (4,4)
12 Raised one's voice in righteous anger (4)
13 Raise new breed of ram (5)
14 Short cut that's about right (4)
17 Faint scent I'd somehow found in hospital? (12)
20 Companions at the breakfast table (5,3,4)
23 A double round to celebrate (4)
24 A number decapitated may be burnt (5)
25 A fiery mount (4)
28 He looks after the nannies as well as the kids (8)
29 Fish put on ice (6)
30 Still a backstreet whatever people have in mind (8)
31 Two men; one customer (6)

DOWN
1 Sort of air possibly found in hop yards (8)
2 Humility shown by Ken seems out of place (8)
3 Is paid we hear pots (4)
5 He looks for a way to sell his wares (6,6)
6 Nasty look is enough to make you stagger back (4)
7 Footwear by which the Irish may be identified (6)
8 Bedclothes used as ropes (6)
11 Require time for change in the ratings (5,2,5)
15 Prepared to run whenever required (2,3)
16 Coming from Denis such remarks aren't nice (5)
18 He causes trouble in a washing machine perhaps (8)
19 Two fools in murderous combination (8)
21 Minor offence (6)
22 Flexitime for the violinist or tuba player (6)
26 His victims got it in the neck (4)
27 A bird others turn to? (4)

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Theft, 4 Glasgow, 8 Par, 9 Union dues, 10 Sunspot, 11 Irons, 13 Slowly, 15 Bypass, 18 Susan, 19 Bearcat, 21 Erudition, 23 Use, 24 Tonight, 25 Lotus.

Down: 1 Typists, 2 Erroneous, 3 Trump, 4 Guilty, 5 Annuity, 6 Gnu, 7 Wasps, 12 On account, 14 Landing, 16 Sitters, 17 Oboist, 18 Sleet, 20 Annul, 22 Urn.

JUMBLE

UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

SOGSR

HPAYP

MRFLOA

PLRIET

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

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(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: HILLY VIDEO SMOOTH DEGREE
Answer: While walking near London's famous clock tower on Valentine's Day, they had a — LOVELY TIME

Vijaya Kumar, a BJP worker, was injured after he was assaulted by alleged followers of former party MLA Preetam J Gowda in Hassan on Friday. The miscreants barged into Kumar's internet parlour and damaged property, after assaulting him. Recent alleged remarks of Kumar against Preetam are being attributed as reasons for the assault

HC permits UBL to give ₹1-crore bond, restart manufacture of beer

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DIRECTING state excise authorities to release seized finished goods/manufactured beer, beer lying in tanks, raw materials and inventory in UT tanks, subject to United Breweries Limited (UBL) in Thandya Industrial Area of Nanjangud taluk of Mysuru furnishing a bank guarantee of Rs 1 crore, the Karnataka High Court permitted UBL to carry on manufacturing activities. It is subject to the outcome of the petition filed against the seizure order.

The court, however, made it clear that UBL should not transport/export 7,000 cases of beer which are brought back to the warehouse in alleged contravention of the Karnataka Excise (Possession, Transport, Import and Export of Intoxicants) Rules, without a permit from the competent authority.

Justice Hemant Chandangoudar passed the interim order recently, after hearing a petition filed by UBL challenging the April 2 seizure order passed by excise officials. UBL stated that it had submitted an application on March 13 for a permit to dispatch a consignment from the brewery to the buyer, Kerala State Beverages Corporation (KSBC), as stipulated under Section 9 of the Karnataka Excise Act, 1965, and Rule 17 of the Karnataka Excise (Possession, Transport, Import and Export of Intoxicants) Rules, 1967.

The application was duly considered, and UBL was granted a permit on March 30 to export the beer to the consignee. UBL dispatched the consignment in 17 trucks to the destination in Kerala. However, seven trucks returned to the warehouse, citing restrictions in traffic movements in Bandipur forest. The return of the stock was duly communicated to the excise officer stationed at the brewery, UBL claimed.

'Rule 17 complied with'

In counter, the Additional Advocate-General contended that in the event of breakdowns, accidents, etc., the vehicle exporting the consignment should report to the nearest police station / excise officer and obtain an endorsement for further action. Therefore, the petitioner has committed an offence under provisions of the Karnataka Excise Act, 1965. A mahazar was conducted, and the entire stock in the warehouse, along with raw materials in the brewery, was seized, and the petitioner was restrained from carrying out any manufacturing activities, he submitted.

UBL replied that Rule 17 of the Act had been complied with. Whether the petitioner has complied or not, requires adjudication by the confiscating authority.

The state, instead of confining the seizure that was not exported and reported, confiscated the entire intoxicant stacked in the warehouse, including raw materials, and restrained the petitioner from manufacturing, which is without the authority of law.

Permitting UBL to reply to the showcause notice, the court adjourned the hearing to April 16.

PLANTING VISION

A gardener attached to the horticulture department arranges saplings in front of Vidhana Soudha, ahead of Ambedkar Jayanti, which falls on April 14, in Bengaluru on Friday | VINOD KUMAR T

Begging ring busted, 47 children rescued

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THE CCB, which conducted raids across several locations in Pulikeshi Nagar and surrounding areas on Friday, rescued 47 children who were pushed into begging. Additionally, 36 women involved in the trafficking of these children were arrested. The rescued children have been handed over to the Child Welfare Committee.

The CCB, along with the Women and Child Welfare Department and Rani Chennamma women's organisation, busted the child begging racket on Thursday. Among the rescued 47 children, 28 are girls and 19 are boys, and they have all been sent to a rehabilitation centre.

During the initial investigation, it was revealed that the trafficked children were subjected to physical abuse by the women and forced to beg, particularly near a mosque on the occasion of Ramadan.

Among the rescued children, six are aged below one year, 12 between 1 and 2 years, six between 3 and 6 years, 16 between 6 and 10 years, while seven are aged above 10.

Police suspect that some of the trafficked children are from Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, while they are further investigating to ascertain is any of the arrested women have forced their own children into beggary.

ENGINEER JUMPS TO DEATH FROM FLYOVER

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A 32-year-old man jumped to his death from the Nayandahalli flyover on the Bengaluru-Mysuru Road, around 8.30 am on Friday. The deceased, identified as Naveen Yadav, was a resident of Jnanabharathi. He worked as an engineer at Karnataka Vidyuth Karkhane Limited (KAVIKA) on Mysuru Road on contract basis.

It is learnt that Yadav was depressed due to some personal reasons. He came on an electric scooter, stopped on the flyover, and jumped. It is also suspected that he consumed some substance before jumping 60 feet to the road below.

The Byatarayanapura traffic police manning the junction called an ambulance. They also informed their law and order counterparts. The doctors at the hospital where he was taken declared him brought dead. Yadav, who fell directly on the road below, is suspected to have died on the spot.

The police did not find any kind of death note either. They have recovered his mobile phone and are checking if there is any mention of the reasons for his suicide. The Byatarayanapura police have registered a case. Yadav's father also said they do not know the reasons for the suicide. "On Thursday, Naveen went to his brother-in-law's house for dinner and returned home at night. Minutes before his death, I met him at the Jnanabharathi Metro station, as I was waiting to pick up my daughter," he added. The deceased had reportedly married two months ago. Further investigations are on.

Drunk man misbehaves with college girl on Metro skywalk

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A 32-year-old drunkard was caught by a Bangalore Metro security staff for misbehaving with a woman college student on the skywalk connecting the Beniganahalli station on Metro's Purple Line on Thursday afternoon, said Metro sources. A complaint has been registered at the Ramamurthy Nagar police station and the assaulter let off with a warning as the student did not want to go ahead with an FIR.

According to a source, "The incident happened around 2 pm when the college student was using the Foot Over Bridge to cross the Old Madras Road (from B entrance to A entrance). She was not a Metro commuter but was merely using the road to cross over, when a man coming in the opposite direction deliberately brushed against her when she was nearing the escalator. Later, he turned back and started following her."

On reaching the entrance, the lady reported the matter to the security officer of the station. "He went behind the man and caught him immediately. He was later handed over to Ramamurthy Nagar police station. After much hesitation, the lady approached a police station to register a complaint against the eve-teaser. However, she was reluctant to pursue it further with an FIR," sources added. According to Ramamurthy Nagar police, "The man is a beggar and a drunkard. He deliberately went very close to where the lady was walking and almost fell on her. She scolded him and asked him why he was walking along the path she was walking. He immediately shouted at her accusing her of walking on the side he was walking. She took the help of a security person who called us on 112. We made the complaint a Non-Cognisable Report as she did not want to pursue the matter."

A case has been registered against an unknown person as the individual kept changing names and did not have any identity papers on him.

"He said he seeks alms and uses the money to drink. At night, he sleeps on the footpath of the Dargah at Tin Factory," a police officer said. He has been let off after a sound warning, the officer added.

CRIME PATROL

55-yr-old pedestrian knocked down by truck

BENGALURU: A 55-year-old pedestrian was killed after being run over by a truck as he crossed the Nelamangala National Highway around 8.30 am on Friday. Traffic was affected for sometime till the police removed the body from the spot. The deceased has been identified as Rudramuni, a resident of Goraguntepalya and a native of Davanagere. He was a daily-wage labourer. The incident occurred near the Navayuga Toll Plaza on the Bengaluru-Tumakuru NH 48. The driver of the truck abandoned his vehicle and fled the spot. The truck has been seized by the traffic police.

Police nab six pickpockets, recover mobiles

BENGALURU: The Whitefield police arrested six pickpockets who were targeting passengers on BMTC buses. Around 107 mobile phones, worth about Rs 30 lakh, was recovered from them. The accused have been identified as Ravi Teja, Venkatesh, Balaraju, Ramesh, Saikumar, and Peddaraju, all hailing from Andhra Pradesh. Their modus operandi was to enter crowded buses to steal mobile phones, which were sold in neighbouring states. The details of the gang came to light, following a complaint from one of the victims, who lost his phone while travelling in a BMTC bus on April 4.

Format C-7

(for political parties to publish in the newspapers, social media platforms & website of the party)

Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates

(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition(C) no.2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no.536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**
*Name of the Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF PEOPLE-2024 (LOKSABHA)**
Name of State/~~UT~~ : **KARNATAKA**
(1) Name of the Constituency : **04-VIJAYAPUR (SC) PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**
Name of the candidate : **HANAMANTHARAO ALGUR**

Sl.No.			
1	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Involved in Son-in-laws family dispute
	b.	Case no.	FIR No. Cr No. 90/2022, Dated 24-12-2022, Jalanagar Police Station, Vijayapura and Case No. Karnataka Police Act, 1963 Section 143, 147, 323, 354, 504, 506, 109, R/W 149 IPC
	c.	Name of the Court	3rd Additional Senior Civil Judge and JMFC Court Vijayapura
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	'B' False final report dated 15-06-2023 has been submitted by Police Station to the Hon'ble Court.
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	g.	Any other information required to be given	NOT APPLICABLE
2	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)		Very sincere, widely respected, popular among masses, choice of party workers and his contributions to the party organisation.
3	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)		Has edge over others, charges levelled are not backed and not substantive. It is believed that outcome will be not adverse to him.

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> There is an undercurrent. It's not visible. Why is Modi touring so extensively these days? Because there is an undercurrent in favour of the I.N.D.I.A bloc. That's the reason he is going to narrow lanes and holding road shows
>
> Mallikarjun Kharge, AICC president

POLLING DATE
PHASE-2 APRIL 26
PHASE-3 MAY 7

DAYS TO GO
PHASE-2 13
PHASE-3 24

TOTAL SEIZURES ₹307.61 Crore

FIRs BOOKED 1,587

COMPLAINTS ON cVIGIL 21,506

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TWEET OF THE DAY

BJP's imposition of GST on farming has burdened farmers with unnecessary taxes and hindered their ability to access vital resources

@dineshgrao, Dinesh Gundurao, Health Minister

VFH begins today, aged and PwD voters will get fingers inked

37,739 senior citizens and 13,004 People with Disabilities opt for home ballot

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

VOTING in Karnataka, which comes under Phase-2 of the elections across India, starts from April 13 with Vote From Home (VFH) and will continue for the next five days.

A total of 40,743 people have opted for VFH. Of them, 37,739 people are aged above 85 years of age and 13,004 are People with Disabilities (PwD).

As per data from the Chief Electoral Officer, Karnataka (CEO) data, there are a total of 3,40,856 people aged above 85 years of age who are eligible to opt for VFH. There are also 2,76,042 PwD who are eligible to take the option under Phase-2 of the elections, residing in 14 constituencies going to polls of April 26.

A total of 6,407 voters will utilise VFH in three constituencies in Bengaluru -- North, South and Central. As per the list, there are 6,206 people aged above 85 years and 201 PwD.

According to election officials, the VFH percentage is very low. "Most people are keen to visit the polling booth to vote. This is the first time VFH has been introduced for the Lok Sabha elections. Last time, it was held for the assembly elections, where a total of 99,535 people had opted for it from 224 assembly constituencies," said Additional CEO Venkatesh Kumar R.

The list of VFH voters so far is from Udupi-Chikkamagaluru, Hassan, Dakshina Kannada, Chitradurga, Tumakuru, Mandya, Mysuru, Chamarajanagar, Bangalore Rural, Bangalore North, Bangalore Central, Bangalore South, Chikkaballapur and Kolar.

The people who chose VFH were informed 3-4 days in advance of the time frame, during which they are expected to be available at their residence, when the returning officers and the booth level officers visit. In case a voter is not present on the scheduled day, election staffers will inform the absentee voter of the next date when they will again visit, which is likely to be 2-3 days later, Kumar said.

A time duration of five days has been announced to complete the exercise. It is left to the staffers to chalk out their plan and routes. The number of voters and booths can be decided by the local officers, however, a range of 30-50 per day has been given to them, by the CEO office.

POINTS TO NOTE

- Voters must keep Epic Card or any other govt certified ID proof handy
- Voting in VFH is a paper ballot
- Voting is done in complete secrecy
- Election staffers must be informed in advance, if attendant assistance needed

EVERY VOTE MATTERS

BJP candidate for Bengaluru Central Lok Sabha constituency, PC Mohan, greets voters on the campaign trail in Jalakanteshwarapura, Shantinagar, in Bengaluru on Friday | SHASHIDHAR BYRAPPA

Entire B'luru in DKS' clutches, says Gowda

ENS @ Hassan

JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda said on Friday that several prominent Congress leaders will quit the party after it faces humiliation in different states in the Lok Sabha polls.

At a campaign event in Changadihalli of Sakleshpur taluk, he said it will be difficult for the Congress to capture power in any state in the future. "The state Congress leaders have no moral right to take on opposition parties as their own party it is in a bad state," he added. Recalling his tenure as PM with Congress support, Gowda said the grand old party had hatched a conspiracy and pull down him from the PM's post by withdrawing support. Gowda has reiterated that no leader in the I.N.D.I.A bloc has the capacity to become the PM.

He came down heavily on Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar for allegedly conspiring to finish the JDS politically in the state by ensuring the defeat of JDS candidates in Mandya, Kolar and Hassan constituencies. He said the whole Bengaluru is in the clutches of Shivakumar and that he is ready to provide evidence on the allegations of money from Karnataka being sent for elections in different states. "Shivakumar has filed three candidates with similar names against my son-in-law Dr CN Manjunath in Bengaluru Rural constituency," he said and added that the state government will collapse on its own after the parliamentary elections. "The opposition parties will not destabilise the Congress government in state," the former PM said.

DKS inducts JDS workers from Bengaluru Rural into Cong

Deputy CM and KPCC president DK Shivakumar welcomes a JDS worker into Congress on Friday | EXPRESS

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WITH the Bengaluru Rural Lok Sabha constituency gearing up for a close contest between the two national parties, and Deputy Chief Minister and KPCC president DK Shivakumar going all out to ensure victory for his younger brother and sitting MP DK Suresh, scores of JDS workers from Channapatna joined the Congress on Thursday night. Shivakumar claimed that over 10,000 BJP and JDS workers have joined the Grand Old Party in the last one month.

However, the JDS mocked at Shivakumar, terming his induction of workers into the GOP as a "gimmick", claiming that the workers were those already with the Congress. "The Congressmen, especially the duplicate CM @DKShivakumar, are so afraid of defeat that young Congress workers are being given the Congress shawl, they are being portrayed as JDS workers. This is living proof that fear of failure and despair can get one to resort to gimmicking," the JDS posted on X.

But the Congress claimed that Shivakumar felicitated Ramanagara Youth Congress leader Sachin, who brought his father Akkurudoddi Shivanna, who was with HD Kumaraswamy, to the Congress fold.

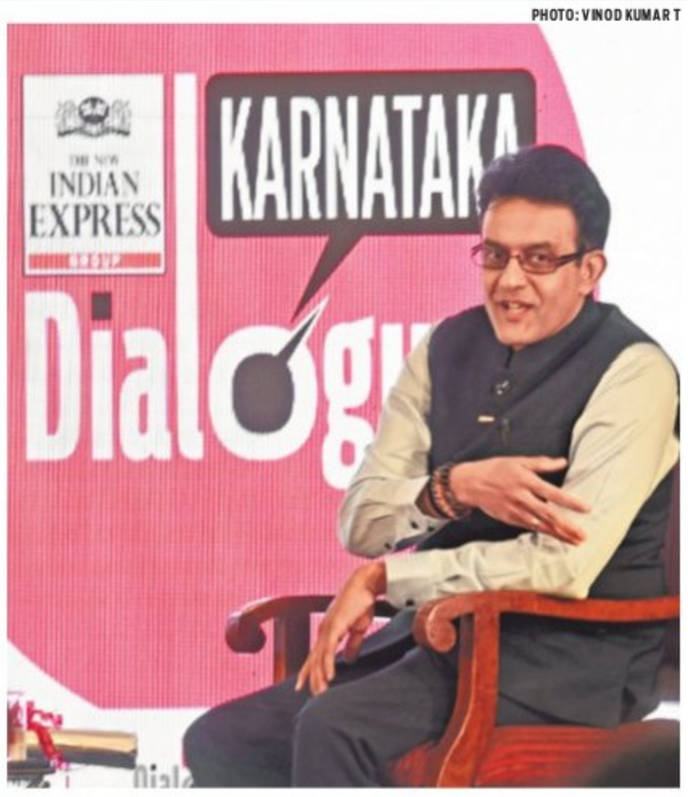
"How can Kumaraswamy and Deve Gowda field their family member Dr CN Manjunath from the BJP, in order to build the JDS? The JDS has reached this state as a result of Deve Gowda handing the party reins to Kumaraswamy," he said.

He said that in Channapatna, the BJP and JDS workers cannot reconcile, given the rivalry between Kumaraswamy and former minister CP Yogeshwara. "If we get one vote more than the BJP in Channapatna, Yogeshwara will be a casualty (politically) at the hands of Kumaraswamy," he said.

He attacked Kumaraswamy, claiming that he had not given even a small amount of power to his party workers, when he was the CM, which proved counterproductive for the party. "Politics is not new to the people of Channapatna. But if you look at the politics of today, you don't understand who to trust and who not to," he remarked.

'ISSUES ARE ROOTED IN HISTORY, BUT FLOWING INTO POLITICS, UNFORTUNATELY'

PHOTO: VINOD KUMAR T



EXPRESS Dialogues

> Right from the times of royalty, kings used to commission biographies and works, and people wrote to please the ruler. History has always been the handmaiden of the ruler
>
> Vikram Sampath, Historian

At the Express Dialogues-A Mini Conclave, organised by The New Indian Express (TNIE), Karnataka, recently, author-historian **Vikram Sampath** discussed his latest book Waiting For Shiva: Unearthing The Truth of Kashi's Gyan Vapi, and how History needs to be viewed, at a session, 'Waiting for Shiva...A Hindutva Narrative', with **Editor** of *The New Indian Express* and *The Morning Standard*, **Santwana Bhattacharya**, and **Deputy Resident Editor, Karnataka, Nirad Mudur**.

Excerpts:

■ **SANTWANA BHATTACHARYA: How did you specifically come to the pursuit of writing history? What was that journey like for you?**
VIKRAM SAMPATH: It was serendipity. I never planned to take up history. My interest grew despite a disdain for the subject in school, spurred by Mr Sanjay Khan's portrayal of the Mysore Royal family in the show The Sword of Tipu Sultan. After a dull corporate job post-MBA, my life changed course with my second book Gauhar Jaan, leading me to leave my job for four years of academic research in Brisbane. I believe the more you surrender and become a willing instrument to the universal forces, the more fulfilling your path becomes. This philosophy even applies to my current book. I was in the midst of writing a serious biography of Hyder Ali and Tipu Sultan, which is nearly finished and by chance I met Mr Vishnu Shankar Jain, an advocate in the Kashi Gyan Vapii case, at a literature festival. He shared with me a wealth of historical information unknown to the masses and suggested I write a series of articles. However, after reviewing the material, I realised it deserved more than a series of articles - it needed a full-length book with serious study. The case itself has been a matter of contestation, not just 20 or 30 years back, but right from the 19th century, around 1810 onwards. There were bloody riots in Varanasi that shook the city, and British courts are filled with documents detailing how both communities were constantly jostling and fighting with each other.

■ **SB: In Hinduism, everyday worship involves a deep personal connection with deities, like Shiva in Kashi, which often transcends being just a symbol in rituals. Do you think there's a risk that this intimate, comfortable, and enchanting relationship could be jeopardized by the Hindutva narrative?**
VS: The question presupposes two things. Firstly, it assumes that this reclamation is a recent phenomenon, as if suddenly a group of people gathered in one room, conspiring to stir up hatred and enmity. Interpreting what you said, it's as though they are deliberately boiling this cauldron of hatred. In my book, I've highlighted the continuous efforts of reclaiming significant sites, dating back to the 12th century. For instance, when the Vishwanath Mandir was demolished by Aurangzeb in 1669, Jijabai (Maratha king Chhatrapati Shivaji's mother) reportedly told Shivaji that his life's goal should be to reclaim this site at any cost. This became a central theme for the Maratha Samrajya throughout the 18th century. In my book, I discuss how they constantly negotiated with various powers — the Mughals, the Nawab of Awadh, the East India Company, figures like Warren Hastings and even Lord Cornwallis. This leads to questions: Is this Hindutva? Is it a rupture? Or is it a part of our history, something ingrained in us? This isn't a recent conflict; it's a story that's been unfolding for generations. Politicians and media might exploit it, but as a historian, my focus is on presenting facts in an engaging, relatable narrative. Regarding your second assumption about personal spirituality: The notion that Hinduism is non-congregational and desegregated is being challenged. Hinduism does not follow a one-size-fits-all approach. For some, it might be an internal journey or personal prayer, while for others, it involves participating in congregational events like the Char Dham Yatra, the 51 Shakti Peethas, the 12 Jyotirlingas, Kumbh Mela, or Maha Maga. These are all examples of collective religious expression. Why then do we perceive this as a new phenomenon?

■ **SB: For many, Kashi's significance extends beyond the Gyan Vapi Temple, encompassing its ghats, each uniquely symbolic of Hindu life, and the flow of the Ganga. Kashi evokes diverse sentiments, not just as a site of conflict but as a continuum of history and tradition...**
VS: Are they mutually exclusive? We can still reclaim the Kashi Vishwanath temple and feel passionately for the ghats. If there had been such passion for the ghats over these 75 years, the Ganga would not be in the state it's in today. The ghats have only now been beautified. All those people who said, 'What's the point of building a temple in Ayodhya; build a hospital, build a school', where is the development? Today, just a few months after its inauguration, over one crore people have visited. For the first time, an airport and a railway station have been built there. So, setting aside religion, ritual, and all that, even from an economic perspective, from a spiritual tourism perspective, why were these places left to deteriorate, especially in the northern belt, in utter squalor and dirt? Nobody recognised that this was our soft power, that we have important sites which could attract pilgrims not only from all over India but potentially from abroad. And the same governments that claim we are a very secular nation have no qualms in controlling Hindu temples and educational institutions. So, if we are truly secular, then the government should not be involved in running any religious institution. They should get out of it. Yet, in our own state, there are taxes — which I think the Governor has refused to sign into law — on temples with revenue of more than one crore. In Tamil Nadu, there are more than 40,000 temples and mutts under government control. How does that align with our broader image of secularism? If you claim to be truly secular and don't want to interfere - keeping the church and state separate - then how can you explain this control? Here, every political party - including the BJP in Karnataka when they were in power - has spoken grandly about liberating all the temples. But no one wants to give up control because of the revenue it brings, their ministers, their families on trust boards, and so on. Hindu temples can have non-Hindus on their Trust Board. These are larger issues, rooted in history but also flowing into contemporary society and politics, unfortunately.

■ **NIRAD MUDUR: As a historian, how do you purport to provide an accurate version of history? This question arises especially given the recent revisions we have seen in history textbooks and syllabi, part of an overarching effort to correct historical interpretations.**
VS: I wouldn't be so arrogant as to claim that I am correcting something. A famous historian once said, "Every work of history is an interim report." It is always a work in progress; new evidence comes up. So, I might have written the most well-researched, well-written book on a particular subject. Suppose you find something new and discover something new, which I have either intentionally ignored or didn't have the capacity to research thoroughly. My thesis could be completely overturned, and my book might end up in the dustbin. Your book might become the new narrative on that subject. So, it's not 'correcting'. What I'd like to say is, it's presenting an alternative version of history.

■ **NM: Doesn't bias work in the background?**
VS: It does. Every person, whether we are in media, writing, in the public domain, artists, none of us is free from any bias. We can say we are independent, but an element of bias about what we hold very true to ourselves naturally creeps in. That is especially true for writers of non-fiction and history. How to cut off that emotional cord and keep the distance from a subject in which you're so emotionally invested becomes a huge challenge. About the history books, yeah, these will become (political) playgrounds all the time. Every time, depending on whether the Congress or BJP comes to power, Rana Pratap will either win or lose the Haldighati battle; Tipu Sultan will be in the textbook or he'll be out of it. So I think this nonsense will keep continuing. And I think that is where a lot of us in civil society also need to tell there has to be some pressure groups. We need to create pressure groups. This subject is so fundamental to our understanding of who we are as a nation. It's a mirror in which we can identify ourselves. So it is much more than just that, and that is why politicians use it.

■ **NM: History does have the potential to become a political tool for parties to achieve their objectives. We often say, 'History is written by the victors'. And if that's the starting point, then aren't you at the risk of repeating that mistake?**
VS: Right from the times of royalty, kings used to commission biographies and works, and people wrote to please the ruler. History has always been the handmaiden of the ruler. And so, the version of history that has been fed to us so far has been the ruler's version. Today's alternative version is actually the so-called subaltern version, which suggests there is another lens to it. And as I said, invariably, these issues do get politicised. So, for that sake, does it mean we shouldn't be writing anything? That is probably unfortunate, but inevitable.

(Watch the full interview on TNIE Videos on YouTube)

Two of the three policemen who lost their lives in an accident on Kilpennathur bypass were from Karnantaka. Special Force Assistant Commandant K Prabhakaran, Hemanth, and N Vittal, from Karnataka, S Dinesh and Jayakumar from Salem, were returning from their poll duty in Kancheepuram, when they collided with a bus. Two other officers are critical

ELECTION RALLY

30L vacant govt jobs will be filled, promises RaGa

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CONGRESS leader Rahul Gandhi on Friday said India is facing its highest unemployment rate in the last 45 years due to BJP's ideology. "About 30 lakh government jobs are lying vacant in various departments in the central government.

If the INDIA bloc is voted to power, we will fill these vacancies and create more job opportunities for youngsters," the Congress MP said while campaigning for Congress and DMK candidates in Tirunelveli and Coimbatore.

"To offer skill development training to undergraduates and diploma holders, we will pass an Act that guarantees the Right to Apprenticeship. Every Indian youth will get the right to do apprenticeship in private or public sector companies.

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin and Congress MP Rahul Gandhi at a public meeting in Coimbatore on Friday

They will get one-year training in such companies and also get paid Rs 1 lakh during the period. If they perform well during the apprenticeship, they will be posted permanently. This will allow millions of Indian youths to get work experience," Rahul said.

Calling the Lok Sabha election an ideological war between those who want to change the Indian Constitution and those who want to protect it, Rahul said, "Our valued constitution is under attack from Modi and RSS. I want to reiterate that India does not belong to organisations like the RSS. Today our educational institutions are under attack by vice-chancellors from RSS. Bureaucracy, election institution, and investigating agencies have been taken over by the RSS. The organisation has been systematically attacking India to destroy our Constitution and the country's democracy," he said.

Reiterating his attack on the Adani issue, the Congress leader said, "Modi has done nothing for people but done everything for Adani." Modi and Adani politics created two India -- one for billionaires and another for poor people. The moment I raised Adani issue in Parliament, they took away my Lok Sabha membership and my house, Rahul said.

RELIEF SHOWERS

Commuters navigate a waterlogged road in Thiruvananthapuram, as pre-monsoon shower lashes parts of Kerala on Friday | PTI

Excise scam: Kavitha in CBI custody till April 15

New Delhi: A Delhi court on Friday sent BRS leader K Kavitha to CBI custody till April 15 in the alleged Delhi excise policy scam. Special Judge Kaveri Baweja passed the order after hearing arguments of the CBI as well as Kavitha's counsel. The CBI, while seeking Kavitha's custody for five days, told the court that she was not co-operating in the investigation, and was evasive in her replies. "During her questioning, she didn't give satisfactory replies. Her replies were contrary to the documents recovered by the CBI during the investigation. Kavitha is concealing facts which are exclusively in her knowledge. Earlier, she did not join the investigation despite being summoned. So, we need her in custodial remand for five days to unearth the conspiracy," said the CBI.

Noted astrologer SK Jain passes away at 66

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NOTED astrologer, Dr Surendra Kumar Jain, passed away on Friday evening due to pulmonary complications. The 66-year-old astrology expert was hospitalised on March 18 and was discharged earlier in April. However, he was admitted to Mahaveer Jain Hospital four days ago after he complained of discomfort.

With a huge following and reverence for his predictions from politicians to actors, everyone in touch with him shared a personal bond with Jain. Former Prime Minister HD Deve Gowda, former chief ministers SM Krishna, BS Yediyurappa and N Dharam Singh, besides Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and Veerendra Hedge of Dharmasthala — all considered his predictions accurate.

International celebrities such as the world-famous Canadian musician, singer, songwriter, record producer, Bryan Adams, had also visited Jain at his residence for his astrological consultations. Jain had become a household name with his show which was telecast on a Kannada channel for over 20 years.

A key member of the ISKCON Temple and Jagannath Temple Vyalikaval, Jain was a strong believer in the principles and ideas espoused in the Bhagavad Gita. Recently, the Karnataka government had conferred the Rajyotsava Award on him for his contributions in various fields.

DR SK JAIN
(Oct 13, 1957- April 12, 2024)

Jain learnt the nuances of astrological predictions from his father Shashikanth Jain, and had been in the profession of astrological science for the last 40 years. On every Ugadi, Jain used to release a book named 'Kalachakra Ephemeris', which gave details about naturally occurring astronomical events and auspicious times.

Jain moulded many lives through his work, spreading positivity and helping those who came in touch with him. Close aides describe him as "a guiding force" and "one who made everyone smile". Many of his followers, upon receiving the news of his demise, were seen flocking to the hospital to pay their last respects.

CROWDFUNDING

₹34.45 cr raised to save Keralite in Riyadh prison

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KERALITES from around the world have joined hands to provide a new lease of life to a 44-year-old Kozhikode man imprisoned in the Saudi Arabian capital of Riyadh. The crowdfunding campaign for the release of Abdul Rahim, a native of Kadampuzha, proved successful with contributions from across the state and around the world. The blood money for Rahim, who is facing the death sentence in the kingdom, was collected two days ahead of schedule. A total of ₹34.45 crore has been raised as part of the initiative.

The fundraiser was run by a trust established to secure Rahim's release. The aim was to collect the money before April 14. The primary fund collection was carried out through the 'Save Abdul Rahim' campaign. It raised ₹31.93 crore through bank transfers while the remaining ₹2.52 crore was handed over to Abdul's mother by individuals and voluntary groups. On Friday alone, more than ₹10 crore was collected. Businessman and philanthropist Bobby Chemmanur donated around ₹1 crore collected through his 'yachana yatra'.

Rahim's family and well-wishers are elated. "I'm very grateful for the support we received for the release of my son. My prayers are with everyone who has contributed," said Ameena, Rahim's mother.

The incident had occurred on December 24, when Rahim accidentally dislodged Faiz's life-support device while taking him for a car ride. Faiz lost consciousness and later died. Rahim was arrested and charged with murder. A Riyadh court sentenced him to death. Efforts to reach an agreement with Faiz's family were initially unsuccessful, but the family ultimately agreed to accept ₹34 crore as blood money.

IISc DEVELOPS TECH TO REMOVE PLASTIC FROM WATER

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PLASTIC is harmful for the environment and humans microplastics pose a greater risk. This is because tiny pieces of plastic debris enter human bodies through water and other liquids consumed, thus increasing risks of illnesses.

They are also an environmental hazard as they are found in polar ice caps and deep inside the ocean. Multiple studies revealed the increasing quantities of plastic and microplastics in water bodies. Researches have also been undertaken to study the quantity of blue plastic and remove it from water.

But thanks to researchers at IISc who designed a hydrogel that removes microplastics from water. The material has intertwined polymer network that binds contaminants and degrades them using UV light irradiation.

Earlier, scientists tried using filtering membranes to remove microplastics but found that it was getting clogged. The team lead by Suryasarathi Bose, professor at the Department of Materials Engineering, then decided to use 3D hydrogels.

This unique hydrogel comprises of three different polymer layers – chitosan, polyvinyl alcohol and polyaniline – intertwined together, making an Interpenetrating Polymer Network architecture. These nanoclusters acted as catalysts that use UV light to degrade microplastic. The combination of the polymers and nanoclusters resulted in a strong hydrogel which could adsorb and degrade large amounts of microplastics.

Researchers noted that most microplastics are a product of incomplete breakdown of household plastics and fibres. To mimic this in the lab, the team crushed food container lids and other daily-use plastic products to create the most common microplastic existing in nature- polyvinyl chloride and polypropylene.

"Besides, another major problem with the removal of microplastics, is detection. These tiny particles cannot be seen with the naked eye," said Soumi Dutta, first author of the study published in Nanoscale and SERB National Postdoctoral fellow at Department of Materials Engineering.

To address this, researchers added fluorescent dye to the microplastics. They found hydrogel could remove about 95% and 93% of the two different types of microplastics in water. "We wanted a material that is more sustainable and can be used repetitively. Hydrogel can be used for up to five cycles and after it has outlived its use," Bose said.

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> Soumi Dutta, first author of the study

Water sports at Harangi opposed

MADIKERI: The start of water sports at the backwaters of Harangi Reservoir has been opposed by many in Kodagu. A few residents have cautioned to boycott the upcoming LS elections over the incident as they opined that the activity will further result in water pollution. In a first of its kind move, the Jungle Resorts and Lodges (JLR) at Harangi has introduced water sports, including water skis, motor boating and banana rides, at the backwaters. The JLR has tied up with a private company called the Ace Paddlers and has introduced the water sports activities that are functional from April 10. While the water sports were to be inaugurated in a grand manner by the MLA and other public servants, the inauguration was postponed recently following the opposition from residents. Nevertheless, amid the existing election code of conduct and the water crisis, the water sports has now opened its doors to tourists without any formal inauguration. However, the residents, including grama panchayat members, have expressed strong opposition to the water sports activities at Harangi. ENS

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(for political parties to publish in the newspapers, social media platforms & website of the party)

Information regarding individuals with pending criminal cases, who have been selected as candidates, along with the reasons for such selection, as also as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates

(As per the Commission's directions issued in pursuance of the Order dated 13.02.2020 of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in contempt petition(C) no.2192 of 2018 in WP(C) no.536 of 2011)

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**
*Name of the Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF PEOPLE-2024 (LOKSABHA)**
Name of State/UT : **KARNATAKA**
(1) Name of the Constituency : **10-HAVERI PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**
Name of the candidate : **G.G. ANANDSWAMY GADDADEVARAMATH**

Sl.No.			
1	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Providing false information to a public servant, Driving or permitting to drive a vehicle without effective registration and displaying false registration marks.
	b.	Case no.	Case No. 54/2024
	c.	Name of the Court	Principal Civil Judge, (Sr. Dn) & CJM Court, Haveri
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO / Charges not framed
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	g.	Any other information required to be given	NOT APPLICABLE
2	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)		Very sincere and widely respected, popular among the youths and masses. He has been chosen by the party workers and his contribution to the party is always in the forefront.
3	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)		He has edge over others, charges levelled are not backed and non-substantive & the case is long pending. Party believes that the outcome of the case will not be adverse to him.

KARNATAKA PRADESH CONGRESS COMMITTEE * No. 14, Queens Road, Bangalore - 560 052.

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Name of State/UT : **KARNATAKA**
(1) Name of the Constituency : **08-KOPPAL PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**
Name of the candidate : **RAJASHEKHAR KUYYAPPANAVAR**

Sl.No.			
1	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Violating the Rules and Regulations of Mining
	b.	Case no.	i) PCR 424/2022/CC/3891/2022 ii) PCR 425/2022/CC/3305/2022
	c.	Name of the Court	Principal JMFC Court, Koppal Now, it is transferred to Principal District & Session Judge, Koppal & it is bearing No. SPL.C.4/2024
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Yes / Charges Framed – Dated 21-11-2022 & 14-10-2022
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	g.	Any other information required to be given	NOT APPLICABLE
2	The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)		Very sincere and widely respected, popular among the youths and masses. He has been chosen by the party workers and his contribution to the party is always in the forefront. He had contested in the 2019 Parliamentary Elections.
3	Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)		He has edge over others, charges levelled are not backed and non-substantive & the case is long pending. Party believes that the outcome of the case will not be adverse to him.

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(For Political Party to Publish in Website, Newspapers, TV)

Declaration about Criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018, of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No.536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation & Ors. Vs. Union of India & Anr.)

Name of Political Party : **INDIAN NATIONAL CONGRESS PARTY**

* Name of Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF PEOPLE – 2024 (LOKSABHA)**

Name of State/~~UT~~ : **KARNATAKA**

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Sl. No.	Name of candidate	Name of constituency	Pending criminal cases		Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
			Name of Court, case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date(s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed
1	M. LAKSHMANA	21-MYSORE PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	i) 32 Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore. Case No. PCR/0001391/2024, Under Trail	Section 500 of IPC. Defamation	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			ii) 32 Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore. Case No. PCR/0006499/2023 Under Trail	Section 500 of IPC. Defamation	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			iii) PRL Civil Judge & JMFC, Chikmagalur. Case No. CC/469/2023 Under Trail	Section 499, 500 of IPC. Defamation	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			iv) 4th JMFC, Mysore. Case No. CC No.24/2023 Under Trail	Section 290 of IPC. Section (3) of Disfigurement Act	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
2	SUNIL BOSE	22-CHAMARAJNAGAR (SC) PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	PRL Civil Judge (Jr.Dn) & JMFC Court, Nanjanagud, Mysore District. Case No. CC320/2018 Under Trail	Distributing Butter Milk and Fruits to Public and Party Workers while Canvassing for Vote on 28-03-2017.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
3	D.K. SURESH	23-BANGALORE RURAL PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	FIR No 0112/2023 42nd Addl Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore FIR No 0112/2023 Rajarajeshwari Nagara Police Station, Bangalore Allegation that the accused have violated the Model Code of Conduct	Under section 171B, 171E of IPC and section 123(1), 123(2) of Representation of People's Act 1950, 1951, 1989 Allegation that the accused have violated the Model Code of Conduct	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			CC No-194/2022 In the Court of Principal Civil Judge (Jr. Dn) and JMFC, Kanakapura, Ramangara District. (Stage-Awaiting Summons) FIR No.0013/2022 Ramanagara Rural Police Station, Ramanagara Case is filed during Mekedatu Padayathre alleging disobedience to law by violating the rules of Covid-2019.	Under section 5(3A) of Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act- 2020 and Under Section 141, 143, 290, 336, 149 IPC. Case is filed during Mekedatu Padayathre alleging disobedience to law by violating the rules of Covid-2019.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
			CC No-8717/2022 XLII Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (Spl. Court to deal with Criminal cases related to sitting as well former MPs/MLAs triable by Magistrate in the State of Karnataka), Bangalore City. FIR No.0013/2022 Ramanagara Rural Police Station, Ramanagara Case is filed during Mekedatu Padayathre alleging disobedience to law by violating the rules of Covid-2019.	Under section 5(3A) of Karnataka Epidemic Diseases Act 2020 and Under Section 141, 143, 290, 336, 149 IPC. Case is filed during Mekedatu Padayathre alleging disobedience to law by violating the rules of Covid-2019.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
4	M.S. RAKSHA RAMAIAH	27-CHIKKABALLAPUR PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	NOT APPLICABLE	NOT APPLICABLE	Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Bangalore Date of Order of Conviction : 23.12.2021	Offences under Section IPC 1860 (149), IPC 1860 (188), IPC 1860 (269) Disaster Management Act Section 51(b) Punishment imposed : INR 200/- U/s. 188 IPC INR 200/- U/s. 269 r/w sec 149 IPC INR 250/- U/s. 51(b) D.M.A Act
5	GOUTHAM.K.V	28-KOLAR (SC) PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	2nd Addl. Chief Judicial Magistrate, Bangalore FIR No.133/2016, Thalaghattapura Police Station, Bangalore CC.NO.5992/2018 Case No.Crl.P.No.7358/2018 (KAHC010484912018) Stay order dated 5/10/2018. Thalaghattapura Police Station, represented by State Public Prosecutor	Under Section: 34, 406, 468, 420, 415, 405 of IPC 1860 Yes Appeal challenging the proceedings before the 2nd Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate in C.C.No.5992/2018 has been filed before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka in Crl.P.No. 7358/2018 and the Hon'ble High Court has stayed all further proceedings in CC.No.5992/2018 on 05.10.2018.	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
6	MANSOOR ALI KHAN	25-BANGALORE CENTRAL PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA	XXII Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Secunderabad, Telangana State Case No. 231/2023, Market Police Station, Secunderabad Status of the Case: Under trail	Section 143, 188, 341, 290 r/w 149 of Indian Panel Code & Section 21/76 of Consumer Protection Act In Dharna & Obstructing Public Road	Not Applicable	Not Applicable

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Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties (Appendix IV-A)

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower/s that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to Bank of Maharashtra, the possession of which have been taken by the Authorised Officer of Bank of Maharashtra, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 16.05.2024**, for recovery of the balance due to the Bank of Maharashtra from the Borrower(s) as mentioned in the table. Details of Borrower/s amount due, Short description of the immovable property and encumbrances known thereon, possession type, reserve price and the earnest money deposit are also given as under –

Sr. No.	Name and address of Borrower/s	Outstanding dues as on 11.04.2024	Short description of immovable property / Possession Type / Encumbrances known to the bank	Reserve Price / Earnest Money Deposit
1.	**Branch: Gandhinagar (M-9923593195) Borrowers: Mr. Mangalram Purohit Mrs. Savitha Devi** Both resided at No.42 (Old No.55), 3rd Floor, Ganigar A Lane, Nagarathpet Road Cross, Nagarpeth, Bangalore City, Bangalore-560002	**Rs.94,65,847.00 (Rupees Ninety Four Lakh Sixty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Seven Only)** plus further interest w.e.f. 12.04.2024 plus all costs, penalty, charges and expenses or other incidental charges thereof.	2BHK Residential Flat bearing No. OA1703 on the 17th Floor of Wing-A of OLIVE Tower in Phase-I of the project known as "PARK WEST" admeasuring carpet area 71.36 sq. mt. (768.11 sq. ft.) and Super built-up area 116.13 sq. mt. (1250 sq. ft.) constructed on the land bearing Municipal No.1/1 (Old No.1) with one car parking with undivided share of the land of 379.17 sq. ft. in the total area of the land lying and situated at Hosakere Road, New Ward No.121 (Old No.31), Binnypet, Bangalore-560023 and the Flat is butted and bounded as under- On or toward North: By open space and Flat No.OA-1704; On or towards South: By Flat No.OA-1702; On or towards East: By Lobby and On or towards West: By open space. Symbolic: NIL	**Rs.151.00 Lakh** **Rs. 15.10 Lakh**

- **Date of E-Auction & Time: 16/05/2024 between 1.00 pm to 5.00 pm.**
- **Property Inspection Date & Time: 13/05/2024 to 15/05/2024 with prior appointment.**
- **Last Date & Time for submission of Bid/EMD : 15/05/2024 upto 5.00 pm.**

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in website of Bank of Maharashtra i.e. "https://www.bankofmaharashtra.in/properties for sale"; "https://ibapi.in", and "www.mstcecommerce.com".

STATUTORY 30 DAYS SALE NOTICE UNDER SARFAESI ACT, 2002

The borrower/s above named are hereby notified to pay the sum as mentioned above along with up to dated interest and ancillary expenses before the date of auction, failing which the property will be auctioned/sold and balance dues if any will be recovered with interest and cost.

Date : 12.04.2024 | Place : Bangalore **Sd/-, Authorized Officer Bank of Maharashtra, ARC, Bangalore Zone**

STATE BANK OF INDIA

Stressed Assets Recovery Branch (05173) # 11/90, 3rd Floor, Near Old Shivaji Theatre, Opp. Trustwell Hospitals, J C Road, Bengaluru-560002. Email Id : sbi.05173@sbi.co.in

DEMAND NOTICE TO BORROWER

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 13 (2) OF SECURITISATION AND RECONSTRUCTION OF FINANCIAL ASSETS AND ENFORCEMENT OF SECURITY INTEREST ACT 2002 (HEREINAFTER CALLED 'ACT ')

A notice is hereby given that the following Borrowers **1) Sri Rajesh Mavaji** have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loan facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loan accounts have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). The notices were issued to them and guarantors under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 on their last known addresses, but they have been returned unserved and as such they are hereby informed by way of this public notice.

Name and Address of the Borrower's & Guarantors : 1) Sri. Rajesh Mavaji, S/o. Sri. Belliappa Mavaji, C104, "Whispering Meadows", Flat C1-403, RMV, 2nd Stage, Main Road, Dollars Colony, Bangalore - 560 094. **Also at :** Allytrans Forwarding Pvt. Ltd. 208, 4th Floor, 1st Stage, 2nd Block, 80 Feet Road, HBR Layout, Bangalore-560043. **2) Sri. Rajesh Mavaji** S/o. Sri. Belliappa Mavaji, Flat Bearing No. B-010, Ground Floor, Block 'B', "LOTUS PALACE", Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore-560103.

1) Account No's. : SBI/SARB/SRA/HL/38989700289

Demand Notice: 28.03.2024 **NPA Date : 07.11.2020**

Amount outstanding (As on the date of notice) : Rs. 1,02,23,248/- (One Crore Two Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Two Hundred Forty Eight Only) as on 28-03-2024 with further interest and incidental expenses, costs.

Description of the Immovable Property : Shecule 'A' Property : All that piece and parcel of the immovable property being converted land bearing survey No.1/3,1/4 and 1/5 having BBMP khatha No. 4047,situated at Kasavanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore - 560103, admeasuring 1 (one) acre 36 (thirty six) guntas **Bounded by : East :** Road, **West :** Private Property, **North :** Sri. Munireddy Shyamanna Reddy Marappa's Property, **South :** Private Property.

Shecule 'B' Property : (Undivided share not separate) : Undivided right and interest , share in the schedule A property mentioned above equivalent to 526.33 square feet.

Shecule 'C' Property : (Apartment sold under this deed) : All that piece and parcel of 2 BHK flat bearing No. B-010, in block 'B' on the ground floor,measuring super built up area of 1328 square feet in the building complex called "LOTUS PALACE" along with two covered car park space in the basement.

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above Borrower /Guarantors/mortgagors are hereby called upon to make payment of outstanding amount within 60 days from the date of publication of this notice, failing which further steps will be taken after expiry of 60 days from the date of this notice under sub-section (4) of Section 13 of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security interest Act, 2002.

The borrowers/guarantors/ mortgagors attention is invited to provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date : 11.04.2024 **Sd/- Authorised Officer, State Bank of India**
Place : Bengaluru **SARB Branch, Bengaluru.**

Indian Overseas Bank

R.T.Nagar Branch (1537), No.402, 3rd Main, 2nd Block, R.T.Nagar, Bengaluru-560032, Karnataka. E-mail ID: iob1537@iob.in. Ph: 080-22950331

E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the borrower(s) and guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the **constructive possession** of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **Indian Overseas Bank,** Secured Creditor, will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" on 24-04-2024** for recovery of **Rs.26,36,831.28 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Thirty Six Thousand Eight Hundred Thirty One and Twenty Eight Paise only)** with further costs & interests thereon from 01-04-2024 due to the **Indian Overseas Bank,** Secured Creditor from the **borrower(s) & Guarantors: Mr. Dayananda Hegde (Borrower),** Flat No.103, Ground Floor, SIRI Residency, 1st Cross Road, V Nagenahalli, Papanna Layout, Kasaba Hobli, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032.

The reserve price and the earnest money deposit is:

S.No.	Property No.
1	Flat No.103, Ground Floor, SIRI Residency, Municipal New No.01, 1st Cross Road, V Nagenahalli New Extension, Papanna Layout, Cholanayakahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore North Taluk, PID No.96-125-1/2-3, BBMP Ward No.96, Bangalore. **Boundaries of Flat: East by:** Flat No.102, **West by:** Flat No.104, **North by:** Common Passage or Corridor, **South by:** Others Property. Property is in the name of **Mr. Dayananda Hegde.**

Reserve Price: Rs.40,00,000/-;
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD): Rs.4,00,000/-
Bid Increase Amt: Rs.25,000/-

Date and time of e-auction: 24.04.2024 between 11:00 A.M. to 04:00 P.M. (time) with auto extension of 10 minutes each till sale is completed at the platform of **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi** .

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the service providers link or bank's website **https://www.mstcecommerce.com/auctionhome/ibapi**

Place: Bangalore **Sd/- Authorized Officer**
Date: 08-04-2024 **Indian Overseas Bank**

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President, Karnataka Pradesh Congress Committee, Bangalore

Ever since the BJP came to power in the country, communal violence has been on the rise and peace has gone for a toss. We all want to live in communal harmony

KH Muniyappa, Food and Civil Supplies Minister

KSE TAKES THE PLUNGE, FILES PAPERS AS INDEPENDENT

Says he will send Raghavendra packing, free BJP from clutches of father, sons

Independent candidate K S Eshwarappa arrives in a procession to file his nomination papers in Shivamogga on Friday

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@Shivamogga

REITERATING his intention to rid the party of "the influence of former CM BS Yediyurappa and his family," senior BJP leader K S Eshwarappa filed his nomination papers as an independent candidate from the Shivamogga Lok Sabha constituency on Friday.

He said his intention is to cleanse the state BJP after defeating party candidate B Y Raghavendra.

Although Eshwarappa had previously stated his stance on contesting the election, he has now laid all doubts to rest by officially filing his candidacy. As of now, the state BJP has not taken any action against him. However, sources indicated that he may receive a show-cause notice if he fails to withdraw his nomination by April 22, the deadline for candidature withdrawal.

Eshwarappa, accompanied by former minister Gulihatti Shekhar and PM Narendra Modi lookalike Sadananda Nayak from Udupi, was taken out in a procession followed by a large crowd during the filing of his nomination.

Prior to this, Eshwarappa conducted pujas at the Kote Shree Seeta Ramanjaneya Temple and the Kote Shree Marikamba Temple. The procession commenced from Ramanna Shreshthi Park and passed through Gandhi Bazaar, Ameer Ahmad Circle and Gopi Circle before concluding at the DC's office. The procession also featured various art troupes. Eshwarappa submitted his nomination to Deputy Commissioner and Returning Officer Gurudatta Hegde.

Addressing a gathering of his supporters later, Eshwarappa expressed confidence of winning the election by defeating Raghavendra and Congress candidate Geetha Shivarajkumar. He reiterated his aim to liberate the state BJP from the influence of the father-son duo of Yediyurappa and BJP state president B Y Vijayendra, along with Raghavendra, the sitting MP.

"My intention is not merely to become an MP. It is to liberate the state BJP from the clutches of father and sons. Raghavendra will return home after his defeat. Vijayendra will step down as BJP state president," he said. Eshwarappa urged his supporters to ensure his victory and thereby re-elect Narendra Modi as Prime Minister.

Eshwarappa's son Kanthesh also criticised Yediyurappa and his sons, alleging that the former CM had deceived him by not granting a ticket from Haveri constituency. Shekhar also addressed the crowd, seeking their support for Eshwarappa.

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Assets double to ₹33.50 cr in six years

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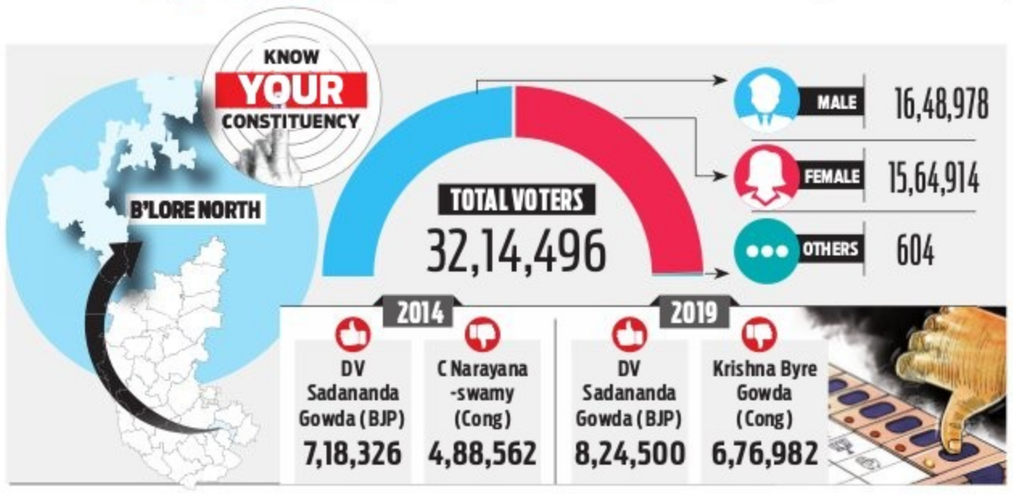
SENIOR BJP leader and independent candidate K S Eshwarappa from the Shivamogga Lok Sabha constituency has declared movable and immovable assets worth Rs 33.50 crore. Interestingly, his assets have doubled from Rs 16.12 crore, which he declared during the 2018 assembly election. The assets are owned by both him and his wife, Jayalakshmi. While he has borrowed a loan of Rs 5.87 crore, his wife has a loan of Rs 70.80 lakh.

Eshwarappa declared in his nomination that he has an annual income of Rs 98.92 lakh and his wife Rs 32.50 lakh for the financial year 2022-23. His annual income has seen a steady rise from Rs 34.88 lakh in 2018-19 to Rs 98.92 lakh in 2022-23. However, his wife's average annual income has been between Rs 30 lakh and Rs 32 lakhs in the last five years.

According to his declaration, Eshwarappa has movable assets of Rs 4.28 crore and his wife Rs 3.77 crore. His immovable assets are valued at Rs 22.35 crore, while his wife's are valued at Rs 3.10 crore. He has cash of Rs 25 lakh and his wife Rs 2 lakh.

Eshwarappa has stakes in several businesses in Bengaluru and Shivamogga. His wife has also invested in several companies. Eshwarappa has also lent money to several businesses, including Rs 65 lakh to Bharat Industries and Rs 16 lakh to Jayalakshmi Fuels. He has also lent Rs 15.78 lakh to his wife.

He owns 300 gram of gold and 2 kg of silver, all valued at Rs 18.50 lakh. His wife owns 500 gram of gold and five kg of silver, valued at Rs 30 lakh.



Change on ground could throw up challenges for BJP, Congress

BOSKY KHANNA @Bengaluru

IT'S going to be a tough battle between the Congress and BJP in Bangalore North, which is not just the largest constituency of Karnataka, but also one of the five largest constituencies in the country, with 32,14,496 voters.

Union Minister Shobha Karandlaje of the BJP is taking on Congress's MV Rajeev Gowda, chairperson of the Centre for Public Policy at IIMB, and chairman of the Congress Research Department. Shobha will contest in place of incumbent MP DV Sadananda Gowda, who had beaten Krishna Byre Gowda in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections by a margin of 1,47,518 votes.

The competition between the two Vokkaliga candidates is getting interesting, with voters not looking only at the candidate's caste, but many other factors too. In areas like Hebbal, Byatarayanapura and even pockets of Yeshwanthpur, the water crisis has become the talking point.

Elections in Bangalore North were first held in 1951, and Keshav Murthy was elected MP on a Congress ticket. Congress won 12 times from this constituency, BJP four times and JDS once in 1996.

However, this time, it will be tough for BJP in areas

Shobha Karandlaje M V Rajeev Gowda

where Congress leaders have been elected in the assembly segments in 2023, like Hebbal (Byrathi Suresh), Pulakeshinagar (AC Srinivasa) and Byatarayanapura (Krishna Byre Gowda). In KR Puram, though Byrathi Basavaraj won on a BJP ticket, Congress is trying to get him on their side as his cousin, Byrathi Suresh, is a minister.

In case of Dasarahalli, the Congress seems confident that it can gain JDS votes after the party joined hands with the BJP, and ex-MLA Manjunath joined the Congress. But BJP workers are showing their optimism on the ground with the support of S Muniraju.

The BJP is also confident of holding core areas of Bengaluru -- Malleswaram and Mahalakshmi Layout -- which has always been its strength. In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, of 28,49,250 voters, only 15,60,324 people voted, which is 54.76 per cent. This time, the two parties are leaving no stone unturned to ensure a large voter turnout. With the Congress looking to woo voters from apartments, which have seen a boom in the constituency, the BJP is banking on the Modi factor.

Shobha, though termed an 'outsider', beat the 'Go Back, Shobha' campaign in Udupi-Chikkamagaluru, and is now trying to draw voters in the name of PM Modi.

Some political analysts and voters have noted that this election has become a presidential type of poll, where the candidate's popularity is secondary. In 2009, BJP's DB Chandregowda won from Bangalore North, though he was from Chikkamagaluru. In 2014 and 2019, BJP's DV Sadananda Gowda, from Udupi-Chikkamagaluru, contested and won. Shobha is also from Udupi- Chikkamagaluru.

Shobha (57) who is Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, is confident of getting more votes in Yeshwanthpur and Kengeri for the work she did when she was minister in BS Yediyurappa's cabinet.

During the 2023 assembly polls, Rajeev Gowda (60) did groundwork for the Congress to woo apartment associations. He also played a role in preparing Congress manifestos. The battle here is between the BJP as a party against Rajeev Gowda as a candidate.

SORAKE: CONG'S CAMPAIGN PUSH WILL BE ITS GUARANTEES

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CONGRESS Campaign Committee chairman and former minister Vinay Kumar Sorake said the party's campaign focus will be on the five guarantees implemented by the state government and the 25 guarantees promised under the five 'nyays' in its manifesto.

"The BJP has been criticising the guarantees since the beginning. If guarantees are a failure, the BJP should ask the women folk who attend their rallies to find out if this is so," Sorake said.

At a press conference on Friday, he said party cadres will reach out to people at the booth level by distributing pamphlets highlighting the guarantees under 'nyay'.

He pointed out that a II PUC rank-holder has claimed that the 'Gruha Lakshmi' guarantee helped his family, and a woman said that she had bought a fridge by saving the money.

"Women have been able to lead a better life. How much the BJP has contributed in this regard? If the BJP lies about the guarantees, the beneficiaries will teach them a lesson," he said.

The Congress high command has announced several guarantees that will be implemented for the people, he said. These include a loan waiver for students, Mahalakshmi Yojana to give Rs 1 lakh per year to households, Rs 1 lakh for youth during apprenticeship, 30 lakh government jobs in which 50 per cent reservation will be given to women, he said.

He claimed that there is a pro-Congress wave in the country and the party will win 20 seats in the state.

BJP collected 'hafta', says Dr L Hanumanthaiah

Committee's vice chairman and former RS member Dr L Hanumanthaiah said the BJP extorted Rs 6,500 crore through electoral bonds by using central agencies to raid companies. "Rs 300 crore were extorted from 15 companies alone and it is like collecting 'hafta'."

In Karnataka, the ED and IT have issued notices to 30 MLAs, he added.

'Corrupt come clean after joining BJP'

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THE AICC president sought to know how leaders facing corruption charges from other parties come clean once they join BJP. "The saffron party must be having a washing machine to help corrupt politicians come clean after joining it," he said.

He said if people vote the BJP-led NDA to power again, it will be the end of democracy. If they want to save democracy and keep the Constitution intact, they should back Congress and I.N.D.I.A. candidates, he added.

Rahul may campaign on April 17

KPCC campaign committee chairman Vinay Kumar Sorake said Congress leader Rahul Gandhi is likely to hit the campaign trail in Karnataka with rallies in Kolar and Mandya on April 17. Asked about former CM B S Yediyurappa mocking the Congress for campaigning in the name of Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and DCM D K Shivakumar without Rahul, Sorake said Rahul will take part in the campaign soon, but the date is tentative.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah with Congress leaders at an election rally in Chamarajanagar on Friday | UDAYASHANKAR S

Modi threat to democracy, like Hilter: CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Mysuru

AHEAD of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mega rally in Mysuru, Chief Miniter Siddaramaiah stepped up his attacks on the BJP, calling upon voters to reject the "dictatorial leadership" of the saffron party.

Expressing apprehension that the Constitution is under threat and would be changed if the BJP wins more than 400 seats, Siddaramaiah likened Modi to European dictators Benito Mussolini and Hilter, saying that the PM has turned into a "dictator" who is against democracy.

He said the Dalits should know that it was the Congress government that introduced special component programmes for SCs and STs, brought in reservations in contracts and in promotion for Dalits.

Campaigning for the Congress candidate in Kollegal and Nanjuangud in Chamarajanagar Lok Sabha constituency on Friday, he said Modi wanted to put corrupt people behind bars, but has sent two non-Congress Chief Ministers to jail and is silent on his party raising Rs 7,600 crore through electoral bonds.

"The BJP and JDS, which lacks ideological commitment, have come together with the only objective of defeating the Congress. The alliance's contribution to backward classes, Dalits and minorities is nothing," he said.

Though the JDS and BJP, including B S Yediyurappa and Basavaraj Bommai, ruled the state for five years, they have not made a remarkable contribution to the development of Karnataka and are seeking votes on the name of Modi and not on their performance.

Siddaramaiah said Modi has failed to deliver in the past ten years and has not kept his promises to bring back black money, generate 20 crore jobs and double farmers' income. The prices of diesel, petrol, domestic gas and other essentials have almost doubled. However, the profits of Adani, Ambani, Tata and Birla have increased manifold, but not the income of farmers.

Referring to the implementation of the five guarantees promised by the Congress, he said people should vote for the party which stood by its words.

Clarifying that the guarantees will not stop after the Lok Sabha elections, he said people will reject those spreading lies to mislead the beneficiaries.

Have records of HDK hand behind phone tapping: DKS

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Deputy Chief Minister D K Shivakumar on Thursday indirectly warned JDS state president HD Kumaraswamy that he will expose the former CM in connection with the phone tapping of Vokkaliga religious head and Adi Chunchanagiri Mutt head Sri Nirmalanandanatha Swamiji.

Agriculture Minister N Chaluvaraya Swamy had alleged that when Kumaraswamy was CM he had ordered the tapping of the swami's phone.

While campaigning at Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Shivakumar claimed that "there are records about the swami's phone tapping."

"This is a known issue. All documents are there in this matter. However, it is not appropriate to talk about this issue now, I will talk about it later," he said.

Shivakumar's statement came as Kumaraswamy, the JDS-BJP candidate from Mandya LS seat, led alliance candidates to the swami for blessing.

Karnataka's star netas off to lend voice to power campaigns across nation

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @Bengaluru:

ON Friday, BJP National Youth President Tejasvi Surya, who is contesting from Bengaluru South Lok Sabha constituency in Karnataka, was in Coimbatore, seeking votes for party candidate and BJP Tamil Nadu state president K Annamalai.

Tejasvi interacted with morning walkers along Race Course Road there, engaging with first-time voters and senior citizens.

Surya is one among the star campaigners for Tamil Nadu. Former national general secretary CT Ravi is also a star campaigner for Tamil Nadu.

Ravi told *The New Indian Express* that he was in Coimbatore and Nilgiri Lok Sabha constituencies to campaign. On Sunday morning, he will be in Krishnagiri.

"All these constituencies have a large number of Kannadigas, so we campaigned there," he said.

Congress leaders from Karnataka will also be going to other states to campaign. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and Deputy CM DK Shivakumar will be going to Uttar Pradesh after the May 7 polls in Karnataka. While Siddaramiah is a star campaigner for Uttar Pradesh, Chhattisgarh and West Bengal, Shivakumar will be the star for West Bengal, Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh.

While Energy Minister KJ George is also headed to Arunachal Pradesh, former chief whip in the Upper House Ivan D'Souza is the star campaigner for Nagaland.

Rajya Sabha MP and Congress leader from Karnataka Jairam Ramesh is among the stars for Tripura and Sikkim. Indian Youth Congress national president BV Srinivas, who is from Karnataka, will be campaigning in Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Tripura, Maharashtra, Rajasthan and other states. AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge, also from Karnataka, is the top star campaigner for Congress in all states.

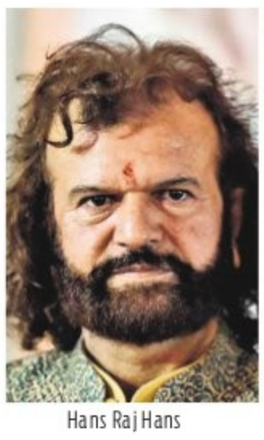
SURESH KUMAR IN COIMBATORE TOO

Senior BJP leader Suresh Kumar was in Coimbatore to campaign for Annamalai. "I was upset when Annamalai resigned from the IPS. But I am amused to see his achievement in such a short period. To show my appreciation, I went there to campaign," he said. "Also, during the assembly polls last year, Annamalai had come to Rajajinagar to campaign for me. My visit to Coimbatore is to convey my thanks." Suresh Kumar met some goldsmiths there who trace their ancestry to Karnataka, to the village of Honganuru near Channapattana. "There are about 2,000 families residing there. They all speak Kannada. I interacted with them, to seek votes for Annamalai," he said.

Congress leaders are quitting one after another and joining the BJP. I am afraid that in a few years from now, the Congress will become extinct like the dinosaur. In a few years after 2024, if we take the name of the Congress, children will ask, who?

Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister

CANDIDATE WATCH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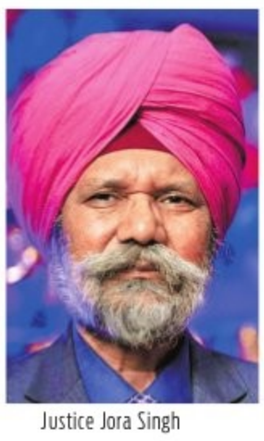
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SUFI SONGS IN PUNJAB POTBOILER

Son of one of the assassins of Indira Gandhi also enters Faridkot fray as an Independent

HARPREET BAJWA @ Chandigarh

THE son of one of the assassins of former prime minister Indira Gandhi will contest the Lok Sabha polls from Faridkot seat in Punjab as an independent candidate.

The 45-year-old Sarabjit Singh is the son of Beant Singh, who along with Satwant Singh assassinated Indira Gandhi on October 31, 1984 at her residence in New Delhi. Beant and Satwant were the then prime minister's bodyguards. Both fired over 30 bullets at her from point-blank range purportedly to avenge the humiliation of Sikhs and the desecration of the Golden Temple during Operation Blue Star in June 1984.

Justice Jora Singh (retd), who had headed a commission to probe sacrilege incidents in Punjab, has also announced to contest an independent from Faridkot. The other candidates include singers and comedians — Karamjit Anmol, a Punjab actor-cum-comedian, is the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate, while Sufi singer Hans Raj Hans is the BJP candidate. The Congress is likely to give ticket from this seat to its incumbent MP Mohammad Sadique, according to party sources.

Sadique is a Punjabi folk singer. Sarabjit Singh had unsuccessfully contested the 2004 Lok Sabha polls from Bathinda getting 1.33 lakh votes. He contested the 2014 Lok Sabha elections from Fatehgarh Sahib on a Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) ticket and got on 12,683 votes and 2007 Punjab assembly polls from Bhadaur seat in Barnala and bagged 15,702 votes. His mother Bimal Kaur was elected as an MP from Ropar seat and grandfather Sucha Singh had won from Bathinda in 1989.

Singh said he has decided to contest elections because many villagers urged him and he intends to seek punishment for those responsible for the sacrilege of Guru Granth Sahib.

"Successive governments have failed to deliver justice in the sacrilege incidents and there is rampant drug problem. Also farmers' issues remain unaddressed. So the people of Faridkot approached me and I decided to contest this poll," Singh told this newspaper. "If I win, I will form my own party," he added. Asked what prompted him to enter the poll fray again when he had contested three elections in the past, Singh said, "That time SAD were strong and dominant, thus I lost. Now people are fed up with all political parties. They voted for a change and brought in the AAP government but nothing has changed. Hence it's anyone's game now as the field is open.'"

Justice Jora Singh (retd) had headed a commission under the SAD-BJP government to probe the sacrilege incidents in Punjab. He joined the AAP in December 2018 and was the party candidate from Jalandhar in the 2019 parliamentary polls but lost.

He was head of the legal wing of AAP for two years. After that he quit the AAP and is now fighting an independent candidate from Faridkot.

"The report made by me on sacrilege incidents should be made public so that the culprits do not go scot free. The previous SAD-BJP and Congress governments sat on the report and so did the present AAP government," Justice Zora Singh told this newspaper. "The top leadership of AAP did not find time to address the grievances of the legal fraternity," he added.

In 2015, five sacrilege incidents took pace in Faridkot that sparked off statewide protests. The sacrilege incidents started on June 1, 2015 when the 'bir' (a complete volume of a Sikh scripture as an individual corpus) was stolen from Burj Jawahar Singh Wala village gurdwara. Later three derogatory posters threatening sacrilege were pasted at Bargari and Burj Jawahar Singh Wala villages on September 24 and 25, 2015. On October 12, 2015, torn pages of the 'bir' were found scattered in front of a gurdwara in the adjoining Bargari village.

The desecration of Guru Granth Sahib and police firing at anti-sacrilege protesters at Kotkapura and Behbal Kalan occurred in 2015 in Faridkot. Two people were killed in the police firing. The issue was also a major setback for SAD, leading to its downfall in the 2017 Assembly polls that brought the Congress to power.

Thirteen Lok Sabha constituencies in Punjab will go to polls on June 1.

ELECTION CAMPAIGN

Home Minister Amit Shah addresses a rally in Moradabad, Uttar Pradesh on Friday | PTI

From Moradabad, Shah says Cong 'pampered' Art 370 for 7 decades

NAMITA BAJPAI @ Lucknow

ADDRESSING a public rally in Moradabad, the brass city, which he visited twice in a span of 10 days, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, while addressing a gathering, launched a broadside on Congress over the Kashmir issue, accusing the grand old party of 'pampering' Article 370 like a child in its lap for seven decades until it was scrapped in 2019.

"For 70 years, the Congress pampered Article 370 like an illegitimate child in its lap," Shah said, referring to the special status enjoyed by Jammu and Kashmir under the provision.

In the same vein, he flayed AICC chief Mallikarjun Kharge for questioning the reference to Kashmir given by PM Modi in his rallies in other states. "Is Kashmir not ours? Khargeji asks what Rajasthan and UP have to do with Kashmir. I must remind him that every child of Moradabad is ready to sacrifice his life for Kashmir," said Shah.

Modi became PM in 2014 and 2019 because of Uttar Pradesh, he said. "UP gave 73 seats in 2014 and 65 seats in 2019 to see Modiji as PM with a full majority. We have to make him PM for the third time by winning all 80 seats in UP. This time, 73 and 65 will not work. We have to ensure a win on all 80," said the Home Minister.

Appealing to the voters of western UP to exercise their right judiciously, Shah referred to a common saying that the future of a baby is reflected by his/her actions in the cradle. He said similarly, western UP used to set the trend for success in the rest of UP by voting in phase-I.

Rejecting the Opposition's narrative around caste census and its mention in their manifestos, Shah said, "Modiji has divided the country into four castes — women, poor, youth, and farmers. Work has been done on this basis."

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OPPOSITION

Cong ramps up campaign ahead of 1st phase of polls

PREETHA NAIR @ New Delhi

WITH Congress top leadership including Rahul Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, and Priyanka Gandhi, hitting the campaign trail, the party is gearing up for the first phase of the Lok Sabha elections on April 19.

Sources suggest that Congress Parliamentary Party chairperson Sonia Gandhi may also attend a few rallies in the coming days, though not as extensively as in the previous general elections.

The party;s star campaigner Rahul Gandhi's rallies and roadshows in poll-bound states like Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Rajasthan are already generating buzz, according to a party functionary. Gandhi is scheduled to hold rallies in Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra on Saturday and will cover more states in the lead-up to the first phase of elections.

Congress general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is also set to play a crucial role in the campaigns, as per sources. While her presence at the first INDIA rally on Ramlila grounds hinted at her special role in organisational affairs, sources reveal there's significant demand from several states for her participation in rallies and roadshows. "Priyanka can connect with the masses and draw crowds. She played a pivotal role in the Congress victory in Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka assembly elections," said a party leader. Priyanka will hold public meetings in Uttarakhand on Saturday and attend roadshows in Agartala on April 16.

Congress leaders Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, Sachin Pilot, Ashok Gehlot and others at a public meeting in Jaipur last Saturday | FILE PHOTO

The party is aggressively pushing its 'Nyay guarantee cards' through door-to-door campaigns and digitally. Congress claims to have already distributed eight crore physical copies of the guarantee cards and sent one crore copies digitally. "The response we have received has been phenomenal. At a time when the BJP has barely convened a Manifesto Committee, we are reaching the last voter with our guarantee," said Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh.

Volunteers from abroad are also playing a crucial role in the campaigns, according to the functionary. "The overseas Congress is actively campaigning on social media by sharing content. Several NRI volunteers are in India to campaign for the party," they added.

To amplify its digital outreach, the party released a campaign song on social media platforms on Friday depicting the plight of farmers. The 30-second video clip highlights the three demands of farmers, including MSP guarantee for crops, GST-free farming, and loan waivers. The campaign song mentions the historic ₹72,000 debt waiver for farmers by the UPA government in 2008 and urges the farming community to raise their voice for their rights.

The party is also set to launch an innovative campaign on TV and social media on April 15, according to a party functionary closely associated with the Congress war room. "We have outlined key issues such as the electoral bonds scam by the BJP, misuse of Central agencies, and many others in the campaign," said the functionary.

Guarantee cards

Congress is aggressively pushing its 'Nyay guarantee cards' through door-to-door campaigns and digitally. The party claims to have already distributed eight crore copies of the guarantee cards and sent one crore copies digitally. "The response we have received has been phenomenal," said Congress general secretary Jairam Ramesh.

QUOTE CORNER

If you are going ahead with Vadhavan project by not taking into consideration people's concerns, go ahead. We will run the people's bulldozer over this govt

Uddhav Thackeray, Shiv Sena (UBT) chief

People have to choose between the one who is removing corruption and those who nurture it. Half of the INDIA bloc leaders are in jail for corruption

JP Nadda, BJP chief

Tejashwi retorts to Modi's 'Mughal mindset' jibe with 'testing BJP IQ'

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

RJD leader Tejashwi Prasad Yadav on Friday hit out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his comment on the "Opposition's Mughal mindset", saying that he is not speaking about real issues.

In a veiled attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi and RJD's Lalu Prasad Yadav, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during an election rally in Jammu and Kashmir's Udhampur on Friday, accused the Opposition leaders of demonstrating a "Mughal mindset" and "teasing" the people of the country by consuming non-vegetarian food in the holy month of Sawan and posting a video of it online.

Modi's potshots came after a row erupted over Tejashwi's online post that went viral on social media during the Hindu festival of 'Navratra'. The video shows Tejashwi and Vikassheel Insaan Party chief Mukesh Sahani eating fish.

The BJP grabbed the opportunity to attack the RJD leader saying that it was an insult to the sentiments of a majority of the Hindus, who do not eat non-vegetarian food in Bihar during the month of 'Sawan' as they consider it as holy.

Tejashwi, however, defended himself saying that the video shared on social media platform was of April 8, a day before beginning of 'Navratra'. "I wanted to test the IQ of BJP leaders," he said later.

During the rally in Udhampur, Modi said that he would invite criticism and attacks from his political opponents following his statement, but he believed that it was his responsibility in a democracy to present the true side of situations to people.

Meanwhile Tejashwi, aAddressing a rally in Bihar's Gaya district, said that people have to understand that the PM is not speaking on real issues. "Did he talk about issues of Bihar — its youth, farmers and migration to other states? Key issues like poverty, unemployment and how many jobs have been provided need to be discussed. Why didn't PM Modi eradicate poverty? Why was Bihar not given special category status?" he asked.

Reacting to Modi's remarks, senior Congress leader Sameer Kumar Singh said that since the PM had nothing to showcase as achievement, he is raising such emotive issues during the poll campaign.

ELECTION2024

Cong CEC meet to be held today

Top Congress leaders will discuss and decide on the party candidates from Punjab, Haryana, Bihar and Delhi at a meeting of the Central Election Committee to be held at 4 pm on Saturday. The CEC meeting chaired by party chief Mallikarjun Kharge is likely to discuss the candidates and decide on them soon after the screening committees of Punjab, Haryana and Bihar held separate meetings and recommended the list of candidates for the states.

Didi says BJP using agencies

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Friday accused the BJP of breaching the Model Code of Conduct and called upon the Election Commission to ensure a level-playing field for all parties. She said the BJP is exploiting Central agencies for its own political benefits. Addressing two back-to-back rallies in Cooch Behar and Alipurduar, Banerjee said, "The BJP is using the ED, CBI, and the Income Tax department to serve their political agenda ahead of the Lok Sabha polls."

MAXIMISE TURNOUT

In remote hilly terrain, palanquins for pregnant women to polling booths

NARENDRA SETHI @ Dehradun

AS part of an initiative to maximise voter turnout in the April 19 Lok Sabha elections in Uttarakhand, the health department will offer palanquin services to pregnant women and elderly people above 85 years, to the polling booths of the difficult terrain.

The initiative was based on the directions of chief electoral officer BVRC Purushottam.

According to State Election Commission sources, "In the hilly and inaccessible areas, people aged 85 years and above besides those with disabilities who choose to visit polling stations voluntarily will receive full assistance from the Commission.

Speaking to this newspaper, Purushottam pointed out, "The health department has been directed to collect information about the people eligible to avail the service".

"Instructions have been issued to the health department to ensure smooth functioning of the palanquin service in the remote hilly areas of the state so that the voting percentage is not affected in any way. This ensures that elderly citizens and pregnant women are not deprived of their democratic right to vote," he added.

A handicapped voter being carried to a polling booth during Uttarakhand state polls

Director General of Health Dr Vinita Shah said, "Chief Medical Officers of eleven districts barring Haridwar and Udham Singh Nagar districts, have been asked to arrange for a sufficient number of palanquins." Besides, he said, provisions are also being made to extend the service to the disabled and elderly voters aged over 85 years.

The Director General of Health has instructed all Chief Medical Officers to coordinate with the respective District Election Officers to facilitate the provision of palanquins for eligible voters.

Expressing enthusiasm over the innovative palanquin service, 87-year-old Omar Hussain, a resident of Niazganj in Almora district, said, "I am delighted that I will be able to exercise my democratic right to vote with ease, even at this age."

There are more than 83.21 lakh voters in the state, including 43.08 lakh males, 40.12 lakh females, and 1.45 lakh young voters. In addition, there are 79,900 physically disabled voters, and over 6,500 voters aged 85 and above, as per state Chief Electoral Officer BVRC Purushottam.

A total of 11,729 polling centers have been set up for the voting process.

EDITORIAL

"Democracy and democratic institutions can function efficiently only where the unit to which these are applied can subsist in a fairly autonomous existence" — Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel

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— Ramnath Goenka

MUTED GROWTH IN RURAL AREAS A LIKELY DRAG ON EARNINGS

THE markets are on a roll with the benchmark Sensex touching an all-time high of 75,000 early this week. The reasons for the rally are not hard to fathom. There is good news all around—a hat-trick of 8 percent growth during the first three quarters of 2023-24, headline inflation showing steady signs of easing, followed by a revival of private consumption and investment. The only thing that appears bleak is corporate earnings. The earnings season has just begun, but preliminary estimates suggest India Inc will likely turn in modest revenue and profit numbers for Q4. While the automobile, banking and pharmaceutical sectors will likely drive the earnings, others such as IT, oil & gas, and mining & metals are expected to either see declines or a plateau. The mixed bag reflects the diverse challenges faced by different sectors.

According to Kotak Institutional Equities, net profits of the 30 Sensex companies will likely increase by 5 percent year-on-year in 2023-24, and by 8 percent Q4-on-Q3, while the 50 Nifty index companies will likely turn in 4 percent and 7 percent growth, respectively. One of the reasons for the slower projected quarterly growth is a muted volume growth due to weak rural consumption. Consumer demand remains subdued overall, except for premium products, indicating low-to-middle single-digit volume growth for most consumer staple companies. On the other hand, passenger vehicles, two-wheelers and alcoholic beverages are expected to post healthy growth driven by urban consumption. Overall credit growth, too, has been strong in 2023-24, which in turn will likely boost banks' net interest margins. But other key sectors like IT, which has been struggling in the recent past, will likely disappoint markets with flat Q4 earnings on the back of weak discretionary spending by customers and the spillover effect of the previous quarter's furloughs.

On balance, India's macroeconomic fundamentals remain strong, with overall 2023-24 GDP growth likely exceeding the official estimate of 7.6 percent. Furthermore, the current fiscal's growth is also likely to sustain at 7 percent, with risks evenly balanced. With retail inflation easing, if the nominal GDP registers 11-12 percent growth, the Sensex and Nifty will likely deliver healthy double-digit growth this fiscal. That said, the market is hostage to the usual mischief makers like volatile crude oil prices, interest rates trajectory and geopolitical uncertainties. Investors should tread with caution.

COMMUNAL MESSAGING MARS KERALA CAMPAIGNS

THE communal overtone that the election campaign in Kerala has assumed is hard to ignore and portrays a dangerous trend. The attempt—by all three main political fronts—is to woo the three main religious groups with messages pandering to communal instincts and aimed at achieving polarisation. While such messaging has the potential to sway votes, they have little value in terms of improving the lives of people, upholding rights and justice, and addressing matters of concern. One distinct characteristic of this election is that the divisive agendas of the parties have trumped the real issues that matter to the people.

The fight is mainly for the sizeable minority votes the Congress-led UDF till recently considered its right. Of late, the ruling CPM has been making bold and often questionable attempts to snatch Muslim votes. And the BJP, gunning for a breakthrough, is going for Christian votes. If the noise initially was about the Citizenship Amendment Act, the clamour now is about Manipur violence and the movie, *The Kerala Story*. The CPM chose to make CAA an issue—despite being aware the state government has no role in its implementation—to portray itself as a champion of Muslims. Pinarayi Vijayan has spoken about it at every campaign meeting, never missing an opportunity to point out how the Congress isn't talking about it enough.

Next was the telecast of *The Kerala Story* by Doordarshan and its screening by certain dioceses of the Catholic church. While the timing of the DD telecast needs to be questioned and it's natural to suspect the BJP's role in bringing the 'love *jihad*' movie back into discussion, both CPM and Congress are guilty of paying it more attention than it deserved. These two have now started playing up the violence in Manipur to portray the BJP as anti-Christian. Till recently, the most pressing concerns of Keralites were the state's poor financial health, its impact on government services, the rising cost of living, joblessness, infrastructural inadequacies, and loss of lives in man-animal conflicts. Looks like these matter little to parties vying for votes. It's disturbing to see even parties whose foundation rests on the idea of secularism invoking religion to win votes. They have realised that appealing to baser emotions is easier, and the trend shows that the decline in political morality has happened across the spectrum.

QUICK TAKE

A BONE OR 23 TO PICK

DOG lovers are up in arms against the Centre's March 12 circular banning 23 breeds—including Rottweiler, American Bulldog and Fila Brasileiro—for being too "ferocious" and "dangerous for human life". As petitions flooded in, three courts picked three different trails. The Karnataka High Court stayed the circular, the Calcutta High Court ordered a partial stay, and the Delhi High Court sought the Centre's response. Parts of the Karnataka order should make sense to all sides in this dogfight—owners need to be held responsible, and if the Centre wants to double down on the order, it should hear all stakeholders first.

ON February 15, 1948, Mahatma Gandhi's weekly journal *Harijan* published what purported to be his testament written on the day of his assassination, where he expressed his ideas regarding the constitutional form the Indian National Congress must assume. He wrote: "Though split into two, India having attained political independence through means devised by the Indian National Congress in its present shape and form, that is, as a propaganda vehicle and parliamentary machine, has outlived its use."

Gandhiji envisioned the organisation's emergence as a vehicle to promote social, moral and economic independence. He wrote, "It must be kept out of unhealthy competition with political parties and communal bodies. For these and similar other reasons, the AICC resolves to disband the existing Congress organisation and flower into a Lok Sevak Sangh." He envisaged this organisation to be built at the grassroots level, from panchayats, with members following a strict moral code and working continuously to uplift the rural masses.

However, these thoughts died with him, and the Congress emerged as a political party that, over the years, contributed significantly to the country's growth and evolution. Until the demise of Jawaharlal Nehru and, for many years after that, the Congress reigned supreme in the absence of any serious threat to its dominance. The threat came from within the Congress when it split a bit after Indira Gandhi assumed charge. The split resulted in the first serious *en masse* movement of Congressmen from the mother party and the formation of a splinter group that failed to seriously challenge the ruling party. Since then, several other regional groups have formed and wiped out the Congress in several states such as Uttar Pradesh.

The disaster for the party took place in 1977, when Indira Gandhi's expectation that her emergency measures would get the people's approval turned out to be a gross miscalculation. Instability during the next few years brought Indira Gandhi and, later, her son to power. But after Rajiv's demise, an influential high command trusted by the people was nowhere visible. The emergence of Modi and a mammoth BJP with well-thought-out electoral strategies resulted in massive erosion of the Congress—a phenomenon that seems to have gathered pace in recent months as the country goes into election mode.

Congress has drifted far from Mahatma Gandhi's post-independence vision for it. But as it has steered a different course, it has refused to learn lessons from its own past

WHEN THE GRAND OLD PARTY COMMITS GRAND BLUNDERS

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In 2019, the question was whether the Congress could revive itself or was in its last gasp. It could have realised its weaknesses and rebuilt an opposition had it worked differently. Not that it didn't know where it stood. Jairam Ramesh, now the party's spokesman and a prominent member of the inner clique, said that demonising Modi alone would not help: "It is time we recognise Modi's work and what he did between 2014 and 2019, due to which he was voted back to power by over 30 percent of the electorate." Bhupinder Singh Hooda said the Congress had lost its way. Party leaders, therefore, knew that the formula of mindless opposition to the NDA, which they had pursued in the 2019 election, had not worked.

It could have learnt lessons from its own history. The most important ones are selflessness, fearlessness and a willingness to suffer consequences in pursuing a cause, even a jail term. Second, the development of an inner-party democracy was characteristic of the pre-independence period. Gandhiji wanted such democracy to permeate all levels of the party. Third, the Delhi-centricity and concept of a high command that takes all decisions would have to be shed and local leadership would have to grow. In the 1950s, the Congress had a phalanx of influential leaders willing to take on even the prime minister. Fourth, the presence of the national leadership has to be felt all over India, and for this, the device of annual AICC meetings in smaller towns could have been revived.

It looked like the Congress had found its bearings a few months ago. It won resoundingly in Karnataka. At that time, it seemed to have understood its limitations and decided to align with other parties in the INDIA bloc. However, the party seemed to have misread the Karnataka result as a broad mandate. For the next few months, it cold-shouldered allies and ventured to take on the BJP on its own in several states, and lost the assemblies in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, winning only in Telangana. The wins in Telangana and Karnataka were primarily because of the states' strong anti-incumbency sentiment and the party's local leadership.

Meanwhile, the INDIA bloc went *tukde-tukde*. Nitish Kumar, the man who initially spearheaded it, abandoned it and scuttled back to the NDA. An angry Mamata Banerjee decided to shun the Congress and the Left in Bengal to contest all seats on her own. AAP compromised with the Congress in Delhi but chose to fight independently in Punjab, where the Congress was in power until the last election. In other states, there were agreements on specific seats, while the allies took different positions on others. Even where the allies agreed, disgruntled leaders sometimes decided to contest on their own. At the same time, the Congress continued to leak members, even former chief ministers, ministers and legislators who chose to seek their fortunes elsewhere. While this was happening, the seemingly reluctant leader of the party, Rahul Gandhi, quietly walked from one end of the country to the other, taking a short break to visit Cambridge.

Is it then the end of the road for the opposition? Not necessarily, because Narendra Modi chose to lend a hand late in the day. The aggression he has been showing towards the opposition could be self-destructive. The electoral bonds issue has laid bare a seeming lack of integrity in the BJP. The voters may now see the excesses shown by the central agencies towards opposition leaders in a different light. The last straw was the incarceration of Arvind Kejriwal, the overwhelming electoral winner in both Delhi and Punjab.

June 4 will tell us whether the Modi effect, created by publicity on a hitherto unknown scale and the attribution of every government function to one father figure, will win the day this time too.

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FAST FORWARD TO THE PAST

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For years, the author has been speaking easy to a surprisingly tolerant public

SPEAKEASY

CHATGPT, Llama, Microsoft Copilot, Claude—broad-spectrum, general-purpose AI tools that try to mimic human capabilities—get top billing in the press. They are indeed amazing, but their uses not so—summarising product reviews on Amazon, drafting indifferent art from verbal instructions, making up recipes from pictures of food and helping students write unremarkable essays. But the future of AI is more likely to be specialised machines for specific purposes. They will be apps or tools rather than intelligences, to be used in various sectors for pattern recognition at scales that the human mind cannot attempt.

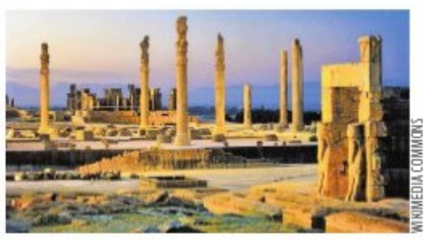
For instance, while the Rosetta stone approach to decoding continues, AI is behind two projects to decipher lost languages like the writing system of the Indus Valley civilisation, and to decode a huge administrative archive found by Chicago University's Oriental Institute in 1933 in the ruins of Persepolis, the ceremonial capital of the Achaemenid empire.

DeepScribe is a joint project by the Oriental Institute and the Department of Computer Science at the University of Chicago, where the clay tablets, written mostly in cuneiform in the Elamite language, were photo-archived. Both language and script are known, but there are about 25,000 fragments, which would take thousands of man-hours to process. The project will train an AI on material already deciphered over about 80 years, to translate and catalogue what remains unanalysed. The larger objective is to develop a tool that can be applied to other undeciphered scripts and unknown languages, like the epigraphy of the Indus Valley civilisation.

The Achaemenid empire was ended in 330 BC by Alexander of Macedon, who burned Persepolis to the ground. Ironically, fire may have preserved the tablets for posterity. The documents track the management of food in the empire by an agency like a civil supplies ministry. Being an essential service, its record covers homes of every class, from commoners to emperors. Once it is completely translated, this record could provide new insights into society in Iran about 500 BC, shortly after the founding of Persepolis, which are often masked or invisible in texts of high culture.

Meanwhile, after decades of intensive efforts by scholars like Iravatham Mahadevan and Asko Parpola, the Indus script remains untranslated, and there is not even agreement among researchers about whether the characters seen on seals represent a language or are more like pictograms—perhaps trademarks or brands—or symbols that had meaning in commerce. In 2009, a project by University of Washington computer scientist Rajesh Rao had found that sequences of the script had the same cadence as the grammar of modern spoken languages. However, the fragments are so short that consensus is still elusive.

Last month, a project titled 'Ancient Script Digitization and Archival of Indus Valley Artifacts using Deep Learning' started to not attempt to solve the Indus script problems, but to set it up so others can try to solve it. Like the Persepolis project, this one also looks for patterns in about 1,000 images of Harappan seals. The difference is obvious: machine learning depends on huge volumes of data to train on, and the data from Persepolis is about 25 times the volume of data from Harappa. The latter is also more remote in time; absolutely nothing is known about the script or the language it encodes. But the prize would be huge, opening the door to a complete understanding of one of the world's oldest riverine civilisations. It's also politically fraught, and would sharpen the battle over the fiction of 'authentic' Indian identity.



WIKIMEDIA COMMONS

The future of AI is not so much in the general-purpose tools that wow us by mimicking human capabilities. It lies in specialised uses like trying to decipher lost languages such as those found in Persepolis and Indus Valley

Meanwhile, researchers at the University of Cologne have used the old-fashioned way to partially decipher the 'unknown Kushan script', one of the official languages of the Kushan empire, which propelled Buddhism out of India into the world. The script was discovered over 70 years ago but has remained undeciphered. Several short inscriptions were found in Tajikistan, Afghanistan and Uzbekistan, but remained inscrutable. Decipherment was achieved following the discovery of two Rosetta Stones—a trilingual text in Gandhari, Bactrian and 'unknown Kushan' in Afghanistan and a bilingual one in Bactrian and 'unknown Kushan' near Dushanbe. However, the decipherment is only partial and took decades after the script was encountered. Perhaps handing over part of the problem to AI could speed up the job.

Specialised AI and machine learning tools will soon be everywhere. The decipherment of ancient scripts, hitherto the province of language specialists, cryptologists and puzzle fiends, is a fairly obscure area in human knowledge, but AI has enormous scope even here. AI tools will have great applications in mainstream pursuits where volumes of data are involved, like medicine. Clinicians and researchers rely as much on statistics as on physics and chemistry to steer both individual treatment and mass health campaigns, and machines are getting better than humans at some of the work leading to diagnosis and planning treatment. Radiological tools, for instance, are impressive at reading X-ray images. And simulators for inserting dental implants make the process very accurate.

Elsewhere, AI would be useful in managing flow problems, which requires dynamic response. Green-lighting automobile traffic (drivers encounter only one red light on a route) has been a target of automation from the 1980s, to reduce congestion and air pollution. It is done using feedback loops, but AI would make it more responsive to changing traffic patterns. Such limited, specialised applications would bring AI to almost all sectors of economy. They would be more useful than general intelligence, and would not raise fears of machines gaining independence and surpassing humans.

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Misplaced confidence?

Karnataka Deputy CM D K Shivakumar's expansive interview to *NIE* covered a gamut of issues. While his confidence that the Modi government would be sent packing in the Lok Sabha elections is encouraging, the prospects of such a scenario seems to be rather bleak.
C V Aravind, Chennai

Indian reality

Ref: *Leaders without borders: Idea whose time may have come* (Apr 12). The possibility of having leaders without borders exists outside Indian borders, not within. It requires a broadmindedness of going beyond descent, religion and caste. Indians' hypocrisy is at its best when aspiring to be like a Western democracy, but also using terms like "Italian culture", "Muslim League imprint" that oppose the very idea of leaders without borders.
Susan Tappata, email

Veiled suggestion

One gets a feeling the author is giving a veiled suggestion about going for Sonia Gandhi as PM, though he did not make it explicit. Would we come across even a remote possibility of such a development with the way the poll is proceeding?
D Nagarjuna, Hyderabad

Andhra forsaken

Ref: *Andhra sides face dispirited cadres* (Apr 12). AP's main parties are competing to get close to the BJP, which is not to the liking of the public. The party has not considered the state for special status, not completed the Polavaram irrigation project, not been serious about a new Vizag-based railway zone, and is not extending incentives to Rayalaseema and North Coastal regions.
A G Rajmohan, Anantapur

Humbler days

Ref: *Why the captain needs to be humble with the ranks* (Apr 12). One cannot but despair for the bygone days when leaders distinguished themselves not only with scholarship and service, but also with humility. The gripping account of the instances of JRD's impatience with his compatriots and his subsequent letters written in a mellifluous tone of profound regret would definitely inspire many.
S Balu, Madurai

Campus safety

The recent sexual abuse cases on educational premises serve as a reminder of the atrocities perpetrated against women in India. The diffidence in reporting the crimes shows the lack of trust in the legal system as well as the social stigma attached. It is time institutions served their desired purpose, beefed up campus security and created awareness about sexual harassment.
Aanya Singhal, Noida

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Modi's message to West — Democracies too can deliver

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PART - 1

LIKE the US presidential elections, the Indian parliamentary polls too attract the world's attention. For two reasons. India's emergence on the global stage and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rise as a global leader. Both are intertwined. Modi's rise was more than a miracle. For over a decade, he was relentlessly demonised within and the world over as some mini-Hitler. From being an intensely hated person, he has become the most admired world leader in just 10 years.

The world viewed with awe how he transformed India's economy from the Fragile Five to the fifth most powerful. Rising from being detested to glory, Modi headed the G20 nations last year. Today, the Italian Prime Minister says Modi is "world's most loved leader", the Australian Prime Minister calls him "the boss", the US President says that Modi is so popular that he "feels like taking his autograph". Why do the developed nations so endearingly admire the man for whom they had visceral hatred? One has to connect the hidden dots to get at the answer to this question. The developed nations saw China, which was on par with India three decades back, vault over India by miles. Despite being democracies themselves, they got convinced that Chinese autocracy was more efficient than Indian democracy. They admiringly valued the autocratic China and discounted the democratic India. Against this background, India's all-round rise under Modi was a revelation, if not a shock, to the West.

Democracy slows India's development – the West

In an article titled "Why China flew, India just grew?" (2019) *Forbes* magazine asked how the Chinese economy, India's equal in the 1980s, became 3.5 times bigger than its neighbour's by 2014. *Forbes* credited China's swift ascent to its efficient autocratic system and cited cumbersome democracy as the reason for India falling behind.

To drive home its point, *Forbes* compared the timelines of the Narmada dam in India and the Yangtze dam in China. The Yangtze project submerged 13 cities, 140 towns, 1,350 villages and displaced 1.2 million people and yet China completed it in just 12 years.

The Narmada dam affected no city, no town and only 178 villages and displaced one lakh persons. Yet, India took six decades to complete it. Reason? Protests against the dam by the Narmada Bachao Andolan (NBA) and others.

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On the NBA petition, the Indian Supreme Court first stopped the dam in 1995. Four years later it reduced the height and allowed it. Then it gradually increased the height bit by an average of 2½ metres per year in 20 years to its original 139 metres! The dam now drives the development of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat. Like *Forbes*, corporate lobbies portrayed the Indian democratic system was growth-resistant, Chinese autocracy as growth-friendly, imaging China as contributor to global prosperity. That had struck a deep chord in the West. This was when a Modi highly distrusted by the West took over as India's Prime Minister.

'Not democracy, unstable govts' – Modi

When the West was portraying democracy as slowing India's development, Modi must have been laughing within himself. As the chief minister of Gujarat, he had posted spectacular achievements under the very democracy trivialised as incompatible — with faster growth. Even though the media was unfriendly, it repeatedly judged him as the best chief minister. Modi knew that India's slow development was not the fault of democracy. It was rickety-to-weak coalition governments in India that stunted our growth for over two decades. See the facts which the West lost sight of about the Indian democracy. As the world began opening up, in 10 years, when China had just one leader, Deng Xiaoping, India witnessed the rise and fall of seven Prime Ministers. Some of them ruled for just months and even days — V P Singh 11 months, Chandrasekhar four months, Narasimha Rao five years, Vajpayee 13 days, Deve Gowda 11 months, Inder Gujral 11 months, and Vajpayee 13 months. India saw four general elections as governments fell like ninepins. The latter Vajpayee-led coalition did well on different fronts but he had to manage a coalition of 25 parties to remain in power, which eroded his efficiency. Later, Manmohan Singh led a multiparty coalition. Remote-controlled by Sonia Gandhi and often humiliated by Rahul Gandhi, he ended up heading a scam-ridden and non-performing government, which reduced India into a Fragile Five economy in the world, in semi-bankrupt state. Even its acclaimed growth was finance-led, jobless growth – with workforce shrinking from 56.4% to 50.7% in its high growth years, adding just 2.8 million jobs. It was in this background that Modi became the BJP prime ministerial candidate in 2014. The charismatic Modi launched a blitzkrieg, addressed over 700 rallies, and struck a chord with the electorate who handed him a historic majority.

Transforms India

The re-emergence of a stable government and strong leader after a quarter century attracted the attention of the world that had internally written off India as an also-ran country. With a hardworking, capable and determined leader at the helm, India started off at a hectic pace. Modi had a plateful of issues. He had to battle against the deliberate demonisation of him by vile global and national adversaries. He succeeded in removing the blot wantonly cast on him.

Simultaneously, he launched the monumental task of transforming the national polity and psyche and reviving the shattered economy. And he succeeded. The scale of his success was unprecedented. The scale and pace of his work and success shocked the world, which had, for decades, caricatured India as a slow-moving elephant. His out of the box and bold economic measures like demonetisation, GST, bank account for all the unbanked, Direct Benefit Transfer, Swachh Bharat, Ayushman Bharat, housing for the homeless — all stunned the country and some of them, the world itself. Each one was accomplished within the days, months and years stipulated. Over 50 crore bank accounts, the construction of 12 crore toilets, the distribution of 11 crore free cooking gas connections, two crore homes for the rural people and enrolment of 100 crore citizens for Aadhaar cards – each of them unprecedented in scale even globally – all accomplished within the scheduled dates. The liberal world began adoring him. Modi's scale and speed have made the *Forbes* kind of perceptions vanish in the global discourse on India.

Most popular leader

The US business intelligence company, Morning Consult, a trusted outfit, has been rating how popular are the leaders of 23 democracies, including the US and all EU nations. It has been consistently rating Modi for the past five years as the most popular leader in the world. This testifies to Modi's stature today. It will not be an exaggeration to say that Modi has saved the credibility of Indian democracy in the Western world. He has also made them seek India. Without the strength of the Indian democracy, the liberal democratic West, which is just 13% of global demography, will be anaemic. And more.

Liberal democracies are facing serious challenges from huge inequality coupled with Chinese influence over their discourse. Post 2008 crisis, particularly during the Obama regime, China began claiming global power status equal to that of the US.

The Covid pandemic and the Ukraine war shook the West, particularly the US, to realise the dangers of Chinese penetration of America in multiple ways, including mind management

It also began evangelising the West — particularly through corporates and the media — into believing that the Chinese model is more efficient than even the Western democratic system. Many think tanks in the US began to be influenced by Chinese funds and ideas.

In 2018, Hoover Institution wrote a stunning article titled "China's Influence & American Interests: Promoting constructive vigilance" in which it warned the US about China penetrating the American mind with its narrative. Many in the US media, universities and think tanks empathise with China. The Covid pandemic and the Ukraine war shook the West, particularly the US, to realise the dangers of Chinese penetration of America in multiple ways, including mind management. This is where the rise of democratic India is critical for the democratic world as a whole.

The rise of Modi and of India with the message that Indian democracy can deliver is a repudiation of the two decadal trend in the West to believe the contrary. With Modi proving his point tellingly, liberal democracies are now looking to India and Modi to balance themselves against the multidimensional Chinese threat. The G7 nations seek more intense involvement of India as part of its outreach to the non-Western democracies. As the West needs India, and India too needs the West, Modi has strategically positioned himself as a great friend of Russia, which is also the great foe of the West. His brilliant geopolitical strategy ensures deeper relations with the West without being in their geopolitical trap. Modi's mature diplomacy has protected the core Indian interests and, in the process, outsmarted the West. If Morning Consult rates him as the most popular global leader, it is for very comprehensive and good reasons.

As India goes to polls, it will not be electing just a prime minister for itself but also a world leader from its soil. It does not need a seer to say that none is equal to him in India today. What then is the choice before the Indian voters as the poll nears? Look at this space tomorrow.

MEA advisory: Avoid visiting Iran, Israel

Amid West Asia conflict, Indians staying in the two countries urged to contact embassies and register themselves

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

INDIA issued a travel advisory on Friday for its citizens planning to travel to Israel or Iran, citing heightened risk of military escalation in West Asia. "In view of the prevailing situation in the region, all Indians are advised not to travel to Iran or Israel until further notice," stated the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

Indian nationals currently residing in Iran or Israel are urged to contact Indian Embassies in those countries and register themselves.

"They are also advised to observe utmost precautions about their safety and to restrict their movements to the minimum," it added.

The advisory follows Iran's accusation against Israel of launching an airstrike on its consulate in Syria, resulting in the deaths of top Iranian military commanders. Tensions between the two countries have escalated, with reports suggesting that Israel is preparing for potential military actions by Iran in the days ahead.

'Restrict movement'

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"We have noted with concern the attack on Iranian diplomatic premises in Syria on 1 April 2024. India is distressed by the escalating tensions in West Asia and their potential to fuel further violence and instability. We urge all parties to avoid actions that go against commonly accepted principles and norms of international law," said **Randhir Jaiswal**, spokesperson for the MEA.

France and the US were among the first countries to issue similar travel advisories.

Israel has been on high alert following threats from Iran, as well as intelligence reports suggesting that Tehran was preparing to attack targets in Israel to avenge the April 1 attack on its consulate in Damascus.

Following the Israel-Hamas conflict, there were media reports stating that the Israeli construction industry is looking to recruit 100,000 Indian workers to replace the 90,000 Palestinians. According to the plan, over 6,000 construction workers from India were to be brought to Israel in April and May.

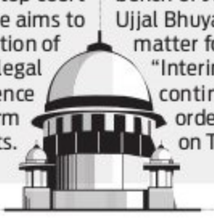
"They will be transported to Israel via 'air shuttle,' following a joint decision by the Israeli Prime Minister's Office, the Finance Ministry, and the Construction and Housing Ministry, which have agreed to subsidize charter flights," the Israeli government said.

Israel has been continuing its military offensive in Gaza as part of its retaliation to the unprecedented attack on Israeli cities by Hamas on October 7.

ALSO IN TOP COURT

Two-day conference on technology, dialogue

The Supreme Court is organising a two-day conference on technology and dialogue, particularly focusing on the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence in judiciary, between the apex courts of India and Singapore on April 13 and 14. A press release issued by the top court said the conference aims to explore the intersection of technology and the legal system. The conference will serve as a platform for sharing insights.



SC extends stay on IPS officer's sentence

The Supreme Court has extended the interim stay on the 15-day simple imprisonment handed to retired IPS officer G Sampath Kumar by the Madras High Court in a contempt of court case filed by former cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni. A bench of Justices A S Oka and Ujjal Bhuyan has listed the matter for hearing on May 3. "Interim order shall continue till further orders," the bench said on Thursday.

Amputated hand of soldier fixed. Thanks to Army, IAF

MAYANK SINGH @ New Delhi

SWIFT action by a multipronged team of defence personnel ensured that a soldier whose left hand was severed in an accident in Ladakh could undergo timely surgery in which the hand was reattached.

Sources in the Indian Army said that on the night of April 9, the soldier was severely wounded while operating a machine at a unit in the forward area in the challenging terrain of Ladakh. His left hand was amputated in the accident.

The Army and the IAF carried out a timely operation which led to getting the severed hand of the soldier stitched in Delhi. After the accident, the soldier was swiftly evacuated to the Military Garrison Hospital in Leh, where he was stabilised by a team of dedicated doctors. "The doctors recognised the critical need for specialised surgery not available locally. A decision was made to transport the soldier to the AHRR in Delhi for advanced medical care to save his appendages," sources said.

The IAF facilitated the transportation within an hour after getting communication from the Army. "Immediately the soldier was kept under medical supervision and the amputated part was preserved in a cold container," an official said.

The transport aircraft of the IAF carried out a night landing in Leh airfield using night vision equipment and evacuated the soldier to Delhi. The IAF shared on X that the operation had "a window of 6 to 8 hrs for emergency surgery to save his appendage." An IAF C-130J aircraft was launched within an hour to move the jawan for surgery at the Army Hospital Research and Referral hospital in Delhi. "The injured soldier received medical attention promptly due to the dark night airlift on night vision goggles (NVGs) from the Ladakh sector by IAF. The transport aircraft took off slightly before 8pm and was able to land back slightly after 11pm the same day," said the official.

At Delhi, the soldier was immediately moved to AHRR from Palam Technical Area under medical supervision. Upon arrival at AHRR, the soldier underwent an emergency 9-hour surgery for reimplantation of his hand, including the amputated thumb and index finger.

LONG-TIME BJP CADRE UNHAPPY WITH LATHA'S CANDIDATURE

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"HYDERABAD segment has not even remained stagnant, it has fallen back in time," she said and asked, "Most of the people here are poor. Is there one thing they are happy about?" Latha, who is making her debut in politics, joined the BJP only after her candidature was announced. Long-time BJP cadre are said to be unhappy with her candidature, with Raja Singh not even taking part in the campaign. However, Latha said everyone in the party is cooperating with her.

Majlis Bachao Tehreek (MBT) leader Amjed Ullah Khan lost to the AIMIM's Jaffar Hussain by a mere 878 votes from Yakutpura — one of the Assembly segments that make up the Hyderabad LS seat — in the 2023 Telangana Assembly elections. He said the Congress has made a huge error by giving a free run to Owaisi. "It is not a free-and-fair election. You have seen how Owaisi has made adjustments with the Congress after Telangana elections."

Congress sources told this newspaper that the candidate for Hyderabad and two other segments will be announced by Saturday. Sameer Waliullah, the frontrunner for the Congress ticket from Hyderabad, said that the cordial relationship with AIMIM was only to develop the Old City. Criticising the Owaisi-led Majlis, Waliullah alleged that it has been building its own fortress by getting Muslim votes over the years. "The AIMIM teams up with the BJP as a result of which there has been no Enforcement Directorate (ED) or Income Tax (I-T) raids on them. Both they and the BJP polarise Muslims and Hindus, and get them on their side, thus affecting the chances of other parties."

MBT's Amjed too levelled the same allegation: "The AIMIM has made an arrangement with every party. It helps the BJP across India and the latter helps it in Hyderabad." Calling Latha a "dummy candidate", the MBT leader said, "The BJP is a cadre based party. This might be the first time a candidate was announced and then that person was made to join the party." The former corporator criticised the MIM, alleging it only wins because of bogus votes. Notably, Latha and Telangana Congress' Feroz Khan have also raised similar concerns, claiming that there are over six lakh bogus votes in the Hyderabad LS segment. "If we had bogus votes, we can continuously win for 4,000 years. But what to do? We do not have bogus votes. Owaisi has 6,20,000 bogus votes. If you type one EPIC number on the EC website, you may find the same voter ID in two places. In the Charminar area alone, he has 1,60,000 bogus votes," Latha was quoted as saying.

Amjad questioned Latha's commitment towards actually resolving issues. "She is only talking big even while knowing that her own party's government is in power at the Centre. Feroz Khan has handed over the proof too. Why doesn't the BJP ask the ECI to rectify it?" he said. His MBT is likely to field a candidate in the coming days.

While there is a sense of anger about the lack of basic amenities, there are many, especially Muslims, who praise the AIMIM. Aftab Ahmed (38), a shopkeeper at Moghalpura, was all praise for the AIMIM and said that the road outside his shop was widened after its intervention.

"This Mir Momin Daira road was widened because of former MLA Mumtaz Khan. In the past, they have provided monthly allowance to Muslim widows," he claimed. In Alijah Kotla, opposite Masqati Dairy, Masood Masqati, 54, compared the AIMIM to a mobile phone in which only the incoming calls work.

SC dismisses review plea on compensation of ₹1.54 cr to IAF veteran

SUCHITRA KALYAN MOHANTY @ New Delhi

THE Supreme Court has rejected the review petition filed by the Indian Army against the court's verdict directing it and the Air Force to jointly pay around ₹1.5 crore as compensation to a former Air Force officer who contracted HIV/AIDS during a blood transfusion at a military hospital in 2002.

Corporal Ashish Kumar Chauhan had joined the Air Force in 1996. The blood transfusion took place in July 2002 during Operation Parakram, when India deployed extra troops at the India-Pakistan border. During that period, Chauhan fell ill and was admitted in a military hospital in Jammu where he was administered blood without his consent.

In May 2014, he tested positive for HIV at the Indian Naval Hospital in Mumbai. The medical board found that he contracted this during the blood transfusion. He then moved the Supreme Court which on September 26, 2023, held both the Air Force and the Army liable to pay a compensation of ₹1.5 crore to him.

The order was challenged by the Air force before the top court through a review plea, which was rejected.

Dismissing the review plea, a division bench of Justices Dipankar Datta and PB Varale, noted that its earlier judgment did not suffer from any error, warranting its reconsideration. "We have perused the review petition including the grounds urged in support of the prayer for review of the judgment... The judgment and order under review does not suffer from any error, much less apparent error, warranting its reconsideration," the bench said.

"No other ground has been made out for granting the relief claimed in the Review Petition (filed by the army)," the bench said.

In September, 2023, the court awarded Chauhan ₹1.5 crore holding the Army and Air Force vicariously liable, both jointly and severally.

"The appellant (Chauhan) is entitled to compensation of 1,54,73,000 rupees on account of medical negligence of the respondents (Army and Air force) who are held liable for injuries suffered by him," it said.

Since individual liability cannot be assigned, the respondent organizations IAF, and the Indian Army are held vicariously liable jointly and severally. The amount shall be paid by the IAF (his employer) within 6 weeks the top court said in its order.

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	27	Mumbai	31	26
Bhopal	33	22	Panaji	32	26
Jaipur	35	25	Patna	39	26
Amritsar	33	20	Lucknow	38	24
Chennai	33	28	Port Blair	33	27
Kolkata	37	26	Imphal	32	17
Srinagar	21	11	Chandigarh	37	23

KEY TRIBAL FACES FIGHT FOR LAND OF WARRIOR QUEENS

Union minister Faggan Singh Kulaste to face fourth-time Cong MLA Omkar Singh Markam

ANURAAG SINGH @ Bhopal

FAMOUS as the land of warrior queens Rani Durgavati-Rani Avantibai Lodhi and once the capital of erstwhile Gondwana kingdom, Mandla-ST Lok Sabha constituency of Madhya Pradesh's Mahakoshal region is likely to witness an intriguing battle between Union minister Faggan Singh Kulaste and ex-MP minister Omkar Singh Markam on April 19.

Eyeing a seventh win from the tribal-dominated seat, BJP candidate Faggan Singh Kulaste will face fourth-time Congress MLA Omkar Singh Markam in the poll battle.

But with a shrunk victory margin compared to 2014, the defeat from his home seat Niwas-ST in 2023 assembly polls and an all-time high anti-incumbency against him, Kulaste may find the battle tough against the Congress candidate whom he defeated by over 1.10 lakh votes in 2014.

Spread in eight assembly segments of four districts — indori, Mandla, Seoni and Narsinghpur — the Mandla-ST seat saw Congress being ahead in five out of the eight assembly segments in the 2023 elections, despite the BJP having swept the polls in other parts of MP. Not only were five assembly segments won by the Congress, but one of the loser BJP candidates was Kulaste himself, who was defeated from his home seat Niwas-ST in Mandla.

He won the seat in 1990 and then his brother Rampyare Kulaste three times. Even during the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, when the Union minister's winning margin came down to 98,000 votes from 1.10 lakh in 2014, Kulaste had trailed from Niwas-ST, besides three other tribal-dominated seats.

They were Keolari, Lakhnadon-ST assembly segments in Seoni and Gotegaon-ST in Narsinghpur, which actually helped Kulaste win in 2014. Barring Gotegaon-SC seat, two other seats, Keolari and Lakhnadon-ST have been won by the Congress in 2023 assembly polls, which may not augur well for Kulaste's poll prospects.

CURRICULUM VITAE OF FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE

The 64-year-old Gond tribe politician is counted among the most prominent tribal politicians of the ruling BJP in MP, particularly in the Mahakoshal region. He is currently the minister of state for rural development and steel in the Modi government. He was MoS in the previous Modi government also. He lost in 2009 but won from Mandla-ST seat six times in the past, including 2014 and 2019. He was among six MPs, including three Union ministers who were fielded by BJP in Assembly polls in 2023. But he lost from his home assembly seat Niwas-ST that he had won way back in 1990, while his brother won it thrice in the past. The BJP, however, has renominated him as its candidate from Mandla, despite his assembly poll loss, anti-incumbency and declining LS win margin in 2019.

VOTERS 20.97 L

MALE	FEMALE
10,48,096	10,48,930

THIRD GENDER: 25

It's among those seats, where female voters outnumber the male voters slightly

GOND TRIBE POLITICIAN HAS ACCESS TO KAMAL NATH, DELHI

The 48-year-old is seen as the prime tribal face of the Congress in the Mahakoshal region. The Gond tribe politician who has won four successive elections from Dindori-ST seat (it forms part of Mandla-ST constituency) in 2008, 2013, 2018 and 2023 and was the minister of tribal affairs in the 15-month-long Congress government headed by Kamal Nath between December 2018 and March 2020. He is considered close to Nath as well as the top leadership of the Congress in Delhi. This is the second time in 10 years that he is contesting from the Mandla-ST seat on Congress ticket, as he had contested from the same seat in 2014 against BJP's Faggan Singh Kulaste, but lost by 1.10 lakh votes. He is looking to capitalize this time on high anti-incumbency against the BJP candidate.

PROMINENT CANDIDATES
- Faggan Singh Kulaste (BJP)
- Omkar Singh Markam (Cong)

2019 WINNER: FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE (BJP) VOTE PERCENTAGE: 48.59% LOSER: KAMAL SINGH MARAWI (CONG) VOTE PERCENTAGE: 42.15%

2023 ASSEMBLY POLLS CONG: WON 5 ASSEMBLY SEGMENTS: Keolari, Lakhnadon-ST, Niwas-ST, Dindori-ST, Bichhiya-ST seats. BJP: 3 ASSEMBLY SEGMENTS: Mandla-ST, Gotegaon-ST, Shahpura-ST seats

Congress has won the Mandla-ST seat 11 times out of the 18 elections held since 1952, while the BJP has won it six times (all won by Kulaste)

Knowing that the 1996, 1998, 1999, 2004, 2014 and 2019 winner and 2009 loser Kulaste may be locked in a difficult contest this time, the two top campaigners of the BJP, PM Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, have addressed rallies in his support in the last three days.

Addressing the rally on Thursday, Shah while detailing about the development works done by Kulaste in his constituency, added, "You don't have to vote Faggan Singh for these works, you need to vote for him to help PM Modi create Great India in the future. Every vote polled for Faggan Singh will directly go to Modiji."

RSS and BJP leaders who are currently working in the adjoining Balaghat constituency, say, "The BJP's top leadership is fully aware that this time Faggan Singh is locked in a 50-50 battle against Omkar Singh Markam, who isn't just popular in Dindori only, but may also benefit from anti-incumbency against the BJP candidate in other assembly segments."

A local BJP told this newspaper, "All the developmental work has been done under Central and state government schemes and not due to individual efforts of the MP, who is more famous due to slip of tongue, which often cause embarrassment to the party. The sixth-time MP has worked more for his kin and less for the party and people. It can be seen by how he got his son-in-law Sanjay Kushram elected as Mandla district panchayat chairperson with Gondwana Gantantra Party's support in 2022."

Adding to Kulaste's woes is the 90-km patch Jabalpur-Mandla highway, which is incomplete since the last 10 years, Last year, Nitin Gadkari at a rally had expressed regret about the incomplete highway patch. The Congress has been particularly raising this issue.

While the BJP is pulling all stops to retain the seat for Kulaste, the Congress isn't behind, as one of the two rallies addressed by Rahul Gandhi on April 8, were held in Mandla.

"We're particularly focusing on around nine seats, including the Mandla-ST seat. Omkar Singh Markam is known to fight for tribal cause," state Congress media advisor KK Mishra said.

ELECTION2024

Violation of model code in J'khand

As many as 26 people have been booked for violating Model Code of Conduct as they brought out a tableau during the Sarhul procession in Ranchi depicting Hemant Soren in Jail with the slogan encouraging his release. Soren was shown in jail in the tableau brought out by Kendriya Sarna Samiti with slogans - 'Jail ka Tala Tutega - Hemant Soren Chutega' (Jail lock will be broken - Hemant Soren will be released).

Pappu Yadav booked in Purnea

Former MP Rajesh Ranjan alias Pappu Yadav, who is contesting the Lok Sabha polls as an independent candidate despite joining the Congress, was on Friday booked for violating the model code of conduct. Yadav has been accused of "threatening" officials who had gone to his residence late on Thursday. A cop said a vehicle involved in Yadav's election campaign had been spotted close to the collectorate.

'Shinde's exit gave way for new idea'

The "betrayal" of Eknath Shinde created space for new leadership in the Shiv Sena (UBT), which is attracting youth with fresh ideas, the Uddhav Thackeray-led party's leader Ambadas Danve said here on Friday. The Shiv Sena split in June 2022 after Shinde rebelled against then chief minister Uddhav Thackeray. Shinde went on to form government with the support of the BJP.

Central forces in Arunachal

The Election Commission will deploy an additional 10 companies of central armed police forces (CAPFs) in Arunachal Pradesh for the elections, a senior officer said. Polling will be held for the state's 50 assembly seats and two Lok Sabha constituencies on April 19. Arunachal Pradesh has a 60-member assembly, and the ruling BJP has already won 10 seats unopposed.

KASHMIR

Omar for Baramulla in NC list of 2 Valley seats

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

FORMER J&K Chief Minister and NC vice-president Omar Abdullah, who will be contesting Lok Sabha polls from Baramulla seat in north Kashmir, on Friday dared BJP to contest LS polls in three Valley seats saying he would quit politics if the saffron party candidates do not forfeit their security deposits in the polls.

NC president Farooq Abdullah today announced that Omar will be the party's candidate from Baramulla LS seat in north Kashmir and influential Shia leader Aga Ruhullah Mehdi would contest from Srinagar seat in central Kashmir.

Omar, who will be pitched in direct fight against Peoples Conference chairman and former minister Sajjad Lone from the Baramulla seat, said, "Our fight is not against any individual or any candidate. My fight in north Kashmir is against those forces, who are standing behind the candidate and supporting him. Our fight in central, north and south Kashmir is against BJP and the central government."

Accusing Sajjad Lone of being BJP's proxy, he said, "Until recently they were proxies, now we know they are openly BJP candidates. Recently BJP leader Tarun Chugh visited Kashmir and met Altaf Bukhari and then called Lone and gave instructions to him. They are now publicly working at the behest of BJP."

Omar said, "BJP should field its candidates in three Valley seats and see how many votes they get."

INDIA will destroy N-arsenal, says Modi

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi on Friday alleged that the INDIA alliance leaders harbour such disdain for the country that they are purportedly plotting to dismantle India's nuclear arsenal.

Addressing an election rally in Barmer district, he said, "The manifesto of a prominent party within the alliance explicitly states their intent to oppose nuclear capabilities, despite India's strategic positioning amidst nuclear-armed neighbouring countries."

Accusing the alliance of undermining national security, the Prime Minister sought to counter the mounting pressure on the BJP, particularly concerning specific candidates urging extensive support to alter the nation's Constitution.

In a fervent defence, Modi asserted that even the revered figure Baba Saheb Ambedkar would find changing the Indian constitution an impossible task, stating,

"Our Constitution, for us, is like Geeta, Ramayana, Bible, Quran." Campaigning vigorously in Barmer, which is witnessing a heated triangular contest between the Congress, BJP, and the independent candidate Ravindra Bhati, Modi underscored the perceived hatred of the alliance members towards the nation, citing their manifestos as evidence.

PM Narendra Modi with minister Kirodi Lal Meena at a roadshow in Dausa | PTI

> **The manifesto of a prominent party within the alliance explicitly states their intent to oppose nuclear capabilities, despite India's strategic positioning amidst nuclear-armed neighbouring countries** — Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

He expressed alarm over recent announcements within the alliance, particularly the party's pledge to dismantle INDIA's nuclear arsenal, stating, "He has written in his manifesto that we will destroy India's nuclear weapons."

He accused the Congress of purportedly neglecting border villages, terming it a "deliberate" strategy to prevent their development under the guise of national security concerns. Modi questioned the audacity of any potential aggressor targeting the border villages of Barmer, asserting their significance in the nation's defence.

Seeking voter support, he said, "This is not an election of a party, but an election of the country."

Encouraging a decisive mandate, Modi echoed the public's call for continuity in governance, stating, "The people here have always told me that you should teach a lesson to the enemies of the country; it is our responsibility to win Barmer."

Meanwhile, PM Modi, taking a dig at Congress, made an erroneous statement regarding the folk deity Baba Ramdev. PM Modi said, "Congress asks what is the relation of Rajasthan with Kashmir (Jammu)? Kashmir is the birthplace of Ramsa Peer,' whereas Ramdev was born in the village of Kaashmir in Barmer,". Parts of his statement are going viral, with the Congress attempting to corner him.

MAHARASHTRA

Father Pawar reaches out to political rival for daughter Supriya in Baramati

SUDHIR SURYAWANSHI @ Mumbai

SHARAD Pawar is leaving no stone unturned to ensure smooth sailing for his daughter, sitting Lok Sabha MP Supriya Sule, against his nephew, Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's spouse, Sunetra Pawar, in the Lok Sabha election for the Baramati seat.

After 55 years, Sharad Pawar visited his political arch-rival, Shyamrao Kakade, on Friday. The spouse of former Lok Sabha MP Sambhaji Kakde had recently passed away, prompting Pawar to visit the Kakade family to offer his condolences. Pawar also visited the residence of BJP leader Chandrakant Taware.

"Both the Kakade and Taware families hold political significance and dominance in Baramati as counterparts to the Pawar family. However, they had been estranged from Sharad Pawar for the past 50 years. With Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar switching sides, Sharad Pawar has decided to reach out to his old foes and attempt to reconcile, ensuring that his daughter does not encounter major hurdles in the prestigious political battle in Baramati," said a political observer.

However, after Sharad Pawar's meeting, Chandrakant Taware issued a clarification, stating that it was not a political meeting. He mentioned that Sharad Pawar had come to offer condolences, and the meeting should not be interpreted as political.

Earlier, Sharad Pawar attempted to reconcile with Congress MLA Sangram Thopate and his father, Anantrao Thopate. Despite being political rivals for several years, Pawar set aside their differences, visiting Thopate at his residence and ensuring that he would stand with Congress MLA Sangram Thopate. On the other hand, Ajit Pawar is also endeavouring to mend fences with his long-time rivals to facilitate the smooth progress of his spouse, Sunetra Pawar.

Taware issues clarification

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PUNJAB

SAD takes action against leader a day after son, daughter-in-law join BJP

HARPREET BAJWA @Chandigarh

THE Shiromani Akali Dal on Friday removed a senior party leader and former minister as a poll in-charge after his daughter-in-law, a former Punjab cadre IAS officer, and son joined the BJP. Sikander Singh Maluka was Akali Dal in-charge of Maur assembly segment in Bathinda Lok Sabha seat.

His daughter-in-law Parampal Kaur Sidhu recently resigned from IAS and is likely to contest from Bathinda against former union minister and SAD MP Harsimrat Kaur, wife of party president Sukhbir Badal. Sources said Badal appointed senior party leader and former minister Janmeja Singh Sekhon as in-charge of Maur Assembly segment.

Maluka, who was campaigning with Harsimrat Kaur in Maur two days back, said he will remain in the party. "I have dissuaded my son Gurpreet and daughter-in-law from joining the BJP but this is their personal decision," he said.

On the appointment of new incharge in place of him, Maluka said, "Sukhbir Badal is the party president, and he can appoint anyone he wants."

After Parampal Kaur Sidhu joined the BJP on Thursday, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann said that her resignation has not been accepted by the state government. Sidhu was posted as Managing Director of the Punjab State Industrial Development Corporation and had sought voluntary retirement from service a week ago.

Her application for voluntary retirement has been accepted by the Department of Personnel and Training, government of India. Union minister Hardeep Singh Puri claimed that the resignation of Kaur was accepted a day before she joined the BJP. Sidhu's BJP foray has intrigued observers in Punjab as her father-in-law is still an active member of SAD and also a member of Akali Dal's manifesto panel.

State-in-charge Maluka to not quit party

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Short Description of the Immovable Property

Sl. No.	DETAILS OF THE PROPERTY (Clear Title by Court in order No. MISC No. 558/2023)	Clear Title	Reserve Price (Rs)	EMD (Rs)	Bid Increase Value (Rs)
1	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 07-00 Acres in Sy.No.53/1 of Honnidibba Village, Kittur Taluk (Previously Bylahongala Taluk), Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Ananda Balakrishna Appugol West: Land belonging to Ananda Balakrishna Appugol, North: Land belonging to Ananda Balakrishna Appugol South: Land belonging to Channamallayya Guruvaiah, Google map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/ewbhV6RBmEPSj2v18 Latitude and Longitude: 15°38'31.7"N 74°44'58.7"E	RTC stands in the name of Competent Authority and Auctioning Authority	Rs. 84,00,000/-	Rs. 8,40,000/-	Rs. 84,000/-
2	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 03 Acres 21 guntas in Sy.No.60/3 of Honnidibba Village, Kittur Taluk (Previously Bylahongala Taluk), Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Ramappa Ba. Samapamganppa, West: Land belonging to Rudrayya Guruvaiah, North: Land belonging to Basayya Ra. Keregatta, South: Land belonging to Shankrayya Cha. Guruvaiah, Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/cgXoxaSziCgGLzZLA Latitude and Longitude: 15°38'46.4"N 74°44'54.6"E		Rs. 42,30,000/-	Rs. 4,23,000/-	Rs.43,000/-
3	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 06 Acres 24 guntas in Sy.No.54/1 of Honnidibba Village, Kittur Taluk (Previously Bylahongala Taluk), Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Chambayya Guruvaiah, West: Land belonging to Aravida Havala, North: Land belonging to Basappa Dastikoppa , South: Land belonging to Gayarana Google Map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/3EX1nEA7A5UwL9YK8 Latitude and Longitude: 15°38'27.7"N 74°44'55.0"E		Rs. 79,20,000/-	Rs. 7,92,000/-	Rs. 80,000/-
4	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 02 Acres 33 guntas in Sy.No.53/2 of Honnidibba Village, Kittur Taluk (Previously Bylahongala Taluk), Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Basavayya Guruvaiah, West: Land belonging to Nagavva Basavappa Kotagi, North: Land belonging to Shivayya Guruvaiah, South: Land belonging to Gayarana, Google map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/ewbhV6RBmEPSj2v18 Latitude and Longitude: 15°38'31.7"N 74°44'58.7"E		Rs. 33,90,000/-	Rs. 3,39,000/-	Rs. 34,000/-
5	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 14 Acres 38 guntas in Sy.No.974 of Sattigeri Village, Savadatti Taluk (New Taluk Yaragatti) Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Rajeshaba Chikkodi West: Land belonging to Rachayya Hirematt, North: Sarkari Pada, South: Land belonging to Rachayya Hirematt,Google map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/PEvtYbL1GEiGMVci8 Latitude and Longitude: 16°02'31.7"N 75°02'37.4"E		Rs. 97,17,500/-	Rs. 9,72,000/-	Rs. 98,000/-
6	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 01 Acres 20 guntas in Sy.No.170/A (New Sy.No.170/7) of Balekundri K.H Village, Bagevadi Hobli, Belagavi Taluk, Belagavi District. East: Remaining land of purchaser, West: Land belonging to Kashappa Kulkarni, North: Naala, South: Remaining land of purchaser, Google Map Link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/MRUNp8YKV68DkWji7 Latitude and Longitude: 15°51'10.0"N 74°37'11.2"E		Rs.41,25,000/-	Rs. 4,13,000/-	Rs. 42,000/-
7	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 01 Acres 10 guntas in Sy.No.170/B, New Sy.No.170/3 (Phoded from Sy.No.170/A & a170/B) Balekundri K.H Village, Bagevadi Hobli, Belagavi Taluk, Belagavi District. East: Land belonging to Nagappa Pakirappa Kakati, West: Land belonging to Kashappa Kulkarni, North: Land belonging to Nagappa Pakirappa Kakati, South: Remaining land Google Map link: https://maps.app.goo.gl/8uVrZzmsuf6EKuXKA Latitude and Longitude: 15.850844, 74.614785		Rs.34,37,500/-	Rs. 3,44,000/-	Rs.35,000/-
8	All the piece and parcel of land measuring 60*95= 5700 Sq.ft (including 1200 Sq.ft. cement Sheet out house), Grama Panchayat No. 95, Hindalaga Grama Panchayath, Belagavi Taluk, Belagavi District. East: Plot No.109, West: Plot No.94, North: Bhangimarga, South: Road		Rs. 3,05,84,610/-	Rs. 30,59,000/-	Rs. 3,06,000/-

Date of Pre-bid meeting & time and Place	Date of Inspection & time	Last Date of Submission of Bids & EMD submission	Date & Time of E Auction
3rd May 2024 3 pm to 4 pm Place: O/o SPLOCA, 3rd Floor Podium Block, Visveswariah Tower, Bengaluru-01	04th May 2024 11 am to 5 pm	6th May 2024 until 5pm	08th May 2024 11 am to 1 pm

For Registration & Online Auction, you can login to: https://kppp.karnataka.gov.in (Helpdesk No: 080-46010000, 080-68948777) The interested bidders who require auction related information can contact Joint Secretary, Office of the Special Officer & Competent Authority, 3rd Floor, Podium Block, Visveswariah Towers, Dr.Ambedkar Veedi, Bengaluru-560001, e-mail ID: splocaeauction@gmail.com or Contact Mob. No 6364403715.

Date: 04-04-2024
Place: Bengaluru,

DIPR/CP/19/Zen/2024-25

Sd/-
The Special Officer & Competent Authority (Under KPIDFE - IMA & Other Scam) Bengaluru, Karnataka

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THE BANGALORE CITY CO-OPERATIVE BANK LIMITED

Administrative Office: # 3, PAMPAMAHAKAVI ROAD, CHAMARAJAPET,
BANGALORE –18. Ph. : 26678572 : 26600512 : 26609066.

SALE NOTICE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTIES THROUGH E- AUCTION

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act 2002 read with provision to rule 8(6) of Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to Borrower that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditor, the symbolically/constructive/ Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer (details mentioned below), will be sold on **"As is Where is ", "As is What is" and "Whatever there is"** basis on **03.05.2024 & 14.05.2024** at the below mentioned timings for recovery of dues with further interest and cost thereon due to The Bangalore City Co Operative Bank Ltd. Administrative office .

The Details are as under : Reserve price and Earnest money deposits details are as under & the Earnest money deposit shall be deposited on or before **02.05.2024 & 13.05.2024 At 5 : 00 PM**, through online payments Like **RTGS/NEFT** to the account No. details of which are given below or by way of DD in favouring The Bangalore City Co Operative Bank Ltd, Administrative office.

Sl No	Name of the Borrower, address & Branch Name	Description of property & Boundaries & Measurement	Reserve Price	Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	Amount of Secured debt from Date	Date & time of Auction
1.	Sri. Panju @ Panjam. No.284, 26th Main, BTB Area Thilaknagar, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-41 Branch : Koramangala	No.284, 30th "C" Cross Road, Huts Colony & BTB Area, 4th Block, Jayanagar, East, BBMP Ward No. 62 of Hombegowdanagar, PID No. 62-97-284, Bengaluru. East to West : 6.10 Mtrs & North to South : 9.14 Mtrs East by: Site No. 285, West by: Site No. 283 North by: Hindu Burial Ground, South by: Road.	Rs. 30,00,000/- (in words Thirty Lakhs Only)	Rs. 3,00,000/- (in words Three Lakhs Only)	Rs. 45,82,183/- & 03.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	03.05.2024 10 : 00 AM To 11 :00 AM
2.	Sri. R. Y. Pullaiah No.59-109, 1st Cross, PKS & Colony, Bengaluru North Benson Town, Bengaluru-46. Branch : R.T. NAGAR	No.108, 3rd Cross, Bore Bank Road, Benson Town, BBMP Ward No. 91 of Pulakeshi Nagar, PID no. 91-23-108, Bengaluru-46. East to West : 14 Feet & North to South : 45 Feet East by:- Private Property. West by:- Private Property North by:- Burial ground. South by:- Road	Rs. 62,00,000/- (in words Sixty Two Lakhs Only)	Rs. 6,20,000/- (in words Six Lakhs Twenty Thousand Only)	Rs. 67,96,596/- & 03.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	03.05.2024 10 : 00 AM To 11 :00 AM
3.	Smt. M. Yashodha No.41/2, 8th Cross Road, K.P. Agrahara, Magadi Road, Bengaluru-23. Branch : (CHAMARAJPET WEST)	New No. 41/2, Old No.49/24, 8th Cross Road, K.P. Agrahara, Magadi Road, BBMP Ward No. 32 of Kempapura Agrahara, PID No. 32-3-41/2, Bengaluru. East to West : 49 feet & North to South : 20+18 feet / 2 East by:- No. 49/24 Eastern Portion, West by:- Conservancy Road, North by:- Neeru Kaluve (Now its lane), South by:- Andalamma property	Rs. 65,00,000/- (in words Sixty Five Lakhs Only)	Rs. 6,50,000./- (in words Six Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)	Rs. 29,33,330/- & 03.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	03.05.2024 10 : 00 AM To 11 :00 AM
4.	Smt. Padmavathi. V (Deceased) Legal Heirs 1. Ajaya Kumar V (Son), 2. Saanvi. V (Daughter) No.162, 7th Cross, Kodirappa Road, Doddakunte Cox Town, Bengaluru-05. Branch : INDIRANAGAR	New No. 167, Old No. 43, Northern Portion, Doddakunte , Cox Town, BBMP Ward No. 85, New Ward no. 79 of Sarvagna Nagar, PID No. 85-38-167, Bengaluru. East : 25 feet, West : 25 feet, & North : 26 feet & South : 26 feet. East by : Venkataramanappa's House West by : Lane & Barber Muniswamy's House North by : K. Nanjundappa's House & Now Kamalamma's House, South by : Narasamma's House	Rs. 45,00,000/- (in words Forty Five Lakhs Only)	Rs. 4,50,000/- (in words Four Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)	Rs. 46,35,583/- & 03.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	03.05.2024 10 : 00 AM To 11 :00 AM
5.	Smt. Lilly Pushpa. A No.119, Ground Floor, First House Jeganahalli, 2nd Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru-10. Branch :VIJAYANAGAR	No.37, House List No.117, Kamalanagar, SBI Staff, Beside HBCS, Saneguruvanahalli, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, Presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 16 of Kamala Nagar, PID No. 16-13-37, Bengaluru. East to West : 18 feet & North to South : 22 feet East by : Others property, West by : Others property North by: Road, South by : Site No. 35.	Rs. 37,75,000/- (in words Thirty Seven Lakhs Seventy Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 3,77,500/- (in words Three Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Rs. 43,69,579/- & 03.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	03.05.2024 10 : 00 AM To 11 :00 AM
6.	Sri. Saravanan No.36, 5th Cross, Kalappa Block, Ramachandrapuram, Sriramapuram, Bengaluru-21 Branch : VIJAYANAGAR	New Municipal No. 12/89, 1st Main, Kalappa Block, Old Kethamaranahalli Village, Sy. No. 63/3, now property No.16, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, BBMP Ward No. 25 of Ramachandrapura, PID No. 25-4-12/89, Bangalore. East to West : 30 feet & North to South : Eastern side : 5 feet, Western Side : 26 feet. East by : K. Krishnappa Murthy Property, West by: Site No.17. North by : Water Channel, South by : Road.	Rs. 25,70,000/- (in words Twenty Five Lakhs Seventy Thousand Only)	Rs.2,57,000/- (in words Two Lakhs Fifty Seven Thousand Only)	Rs. 34,23,062/- & 03.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	03.05.2024 10 : 00 AM To 11 :00 AM
7.	Sri. Devaraju. B No.82, 4th Cross, 4th Main, Gururaja Layout, Near Vidyapeeta, BSK 3rd Stage, Bengaluru-28. Branch : AVALAHALLI	New No.57, Old No. 21/19, 2nd Main Road, Ittamadu, BSK 3rd Stage, PID No. 55-487-57, Padmanabhanagar, BMP Ward No. 55, Bengaluru. East to West : 50 feet & North to South : 22 feet. East by : 30 feet Road, West by: R. Ramaswamy's property North by: Others property, South by: Site No. 20.	Rs. 59,29,000/- (in words Fifty Nine Lakhs Twenty Nine Thousand Only)	Rs. 5,92,900/- (in words Five Lakhs Ninety Two Thousand Nine Hundred Only)	Rs. 87,43,874/- & 03.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	03.05.2024 11 : 00 AM To 12 :00 PM
8.	Sri. Narayanaswamy .K No.29, Anjanapura Viilage post, Uttarahalli Hobli, Amruthnagar Main Road Near Marikamba Temple, Bengaluru-62. Branch : JAYANAGAR	Item No. 1:-Khaneshumari No. 118, Site No. 68 & 69, Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Khatha No. 354/68/69/118, Bengaluru. East to West : 18 feet & North to South : 50 feet East by : Property of Manjunath of B Schedule West by : Road, North by : 6 feet Passage South by : House of Seetharam Item No. 2:- Khaneshumari No. 118, Site No. 68 & 69, Anjanapura Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Khatha No. 358/68/69/118, Bengaluru. East to West : 12.6+36 / 2 & feet, North to South : 50+52 / 2 feet East by : House property of Gopalappa, West by : B Schedule Private Property, North by : 6 feet Passage South by : Krishnappa's Property	Rs. 1,17,70,000/- (In words One Crore Seventeen Lakhs Seventy Thousand Only)	Rs. 11,77,000/- (In Words Eleven Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Only)	Rs. 85,12,622/- & 05.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	03.05.2024 11 : 00 AM To 12 :00 PM
9.	Dr. Naganna. H No. B-14, Navarathna Apt., 17th Cross, 6th Main Road, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-55. Branch : R.T.NAGAR	1st Schedule :- New No. 13/1, Old No. 201, & 203, Situated at Anjaneya Temple Street, Muni Reddy Palya, BBMP Ward No. 97 of R.T. Nagar, PID No. 97-111-13/1, Bangalore. East to West : 28 feet & North to South : 22 feet East by:- Private property (Old Abdul Khalak & Anthony's Wall) West by: Lane & Ibrahim Saheb's Lane Now Private property North by:- Item No 02, South by:- Conservancy Lane. 2nd Schedule:- New No. 13/1, Old No. 201, & 203, Situated at Anjaneya Temple Street, Muni Reddy Palya, BBMP Ward No. 97 of R.T. Nagar, PID No. 97-111-13/1, Bangalore. East to West : 25 feet & North to South : 15 feet East by:- North to South 3 feet Common Passage West by:- Lane & Ibrahim Saheb's House North by:- Own House, South by:- Sale deed Sold.	Rs. 46,00,000/- (in words Forty Six Lakhs Only)	Rs. 4,60,000/- (in words Four Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only)	Rs. 50,95,904/- & 03.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	03.05.2024 11 : 00 AM To 12 :00 PM
10	Smt. Chikka Thayamma No.36, 11th Main, Chandra Nagar, Kumarswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Bengaluru-78. Branch : (Konanakunte)	BDA Site No. 36/PF, Khatha No. 2036, formed by the BDA, situated at Kumarswamy Layout, 2nd Stage, Slum Area Extension, presently coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 185 of Yelachenahalli, Bengaluru. East to West : 4.00 Mtrs & North to South : 5.00 Mtrs East by:- Site No. 37/PF West by:- Site No. 35/PF North by:- Drain, South by:- Road	Rs. 24,00,000/- (in words Twenty Four Lakhs Only)	Rs. 2,40,000/- (in words Two Lakhs Forty Thousand Only)	Rs. 19,37,342/- & 03.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	03.05.2024 11 : 00 AM To 12 :00 PM
11	Sri. A. Muniraju No.24, 1st Cross, 1st Main, Near Gangamma Temple, Old Madiwala, Bengaluru-560068. Branch : KORAMANGALA	No.25, Gangamma Temple Road, Old Madiwala, BBMP Ward No. 65 of BTM Layout, PID No. 65-14-25, Bengaluru. East to West : 40 Feet & North to South : 24 Feet East by : Road. West by : Property belongs to Krishna Reddy, North by : Property belongs to Krishna South by : Private Property	Rs. 77,70,000/- (in words Seventy Seven lakhs Seventy Thousand Only)	Rs. 7,77,000./- (in words Seven Lakhs Seventy Seven Thousand Only)	Rs. 1,24,95,475/- & 03.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	03.05.2024 11 : 00 AM To 12 :00 PM
12.	Smt. Rani. S No. 10/1, Sirsi Road, Near BESCOM Office, Chamarajpet, Bangalore-560018 Branch : JNANAJYOTHINAGAR	No.120/1, Old Khatha No.118, New BBMP Khatha No. 416/1/389/1/300, Situated at Kengeri Grama, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Presently Coming under the Jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 159 of Kengeri, Bengaluru. East to West: 40 Feet & North to South: 30 feet East by : Thimmakka's Property West by : Seenappa's Property North by : Marakka's property South by : 4 feet Passage,	Rs. 37,80,000/- (in words Thirty Seven Lakhs Eighty Thousand Only)	Rs. 3,78,000/- (In Words Three Lakhs Seventy Eight Thousand Only)	Rs. 51,18,493/- & 03.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	03.05.2024 11 : 00 AM To 12 :00 PM
13.	Sri. Khadeer Ahamed. A.Z & Mohammed Nawaz No.45/1,13th C Cross, Hosahalli Main Road, Padarayanapura, Bengaluru-26. Branch : HEAD OFFICE	New Municipal No.20, Old No.9, 1st Cross, Padarayanapura, PID No. 43-119-20, Bengaluru. East to West: 50 feet & North to South: 15 feet. East by : Road, West by :Conservancy lane North by : Northern Portion of the Property No.20, belongs to Mubeena Begum. South by : Site No.10	Rs. 50,50,000/- (in words Fifty Lakhs Fifty Thousand Only)	Rs.5,05,000/- (in words Five Lakhs Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 78,61,681/- & 05.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	03.05.2024 11 : 00 AM To 12 :00 PM
14.	Sri. Rajanna Paramananda C.P No.115, Near BSNL Tower Chinna Kurchi Village, K. Gollahalli Post, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru-60. Branch : Jnanajyothinagar	No.88, out of Sy. No. 15/3 of Chinna Kurchi Village, Panchayathi Khatha No. 96/88, New No. 150200300301800122, Chinna Kurchi Village, Kengere Hobli, Gollahalli Gramapanchathi Limits, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru. East to West : 75 feet & North to South : 54 feet East by : Property belongs to Parashivaiah S/o Siddappa, West by : Property belongs to Muniyamma, North by : Road, South by : Property belongs to Venkateshappa,	Rs. 66,00,000/- (in words Sixty Six Lakhs Only)	Rs. 6,60,000/- (in words Six Lakhs Sixty Thousand Only)	Rs. 1,00,74,082/- & 08.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	03.05.2024 11 : 00 AM To 12 :00 PM
15.	Sri. S.R. Ravikumar No.458, 2nd Floor, 3rd Stage, 4th Blcok, 1st E Cross, 8th Main, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bengaluru. Branch : CHAMARAJPET (WEST)	No. 458/1, West of Chord Road, 3rd Stage, 4th Blcok, BBMP Ward No. 16 of Kamalanagar, PID No. 16-1-458/1, Bengaluru. (Undivided Share) 50 % of the land & 1st Floor 800 feet & 2nd Floor 400 feet. East to West : 42 feet & North to South : 30 feet East by : Property No. 454, West by : Road North by : Property No. 457, South by : Property No. 459	Rs. 61,65,000/- (in words Sixty One Lakhs Sixty Five Thousand Only)	Rs. 6,16,500./- (in words Six Lakhs Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Only)	Rs. 49,90,587/- & 03.04.2024 Notice Date 08.04.2024	14.05.2024 10 : 00 AM To 11 :00 AM

Date & time of inspection : Sl.No. 1 to 14 : 30.04.2024 & Sl.No. 15 : 09.05.2024 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Bank Name & Account Details for Remitting EMD/IFSC Code : BANK NAME : INDUSIND BANK BRANCH: The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Ltd., Head office Branch A/c No. 000220105013061, IFSC Code – INDB0BCCB02
Last date of deposit of EMD : Sl.No. 1 to 14 : 02.05.2024 & Sl.No. 15 : 13.05.2024 Before 5:00 PM	
Bid Factors : Rs. 50,000/-	

(The borrower /mortgagor attention is invited to the provisions of Sub-section (8) of Section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset).

This Notice shall also serve as Notice under Sub Rule (6) of Rule (8) of Security Interest Enforcement Rules-2002 to the Borrower. For detailed terms and conditions of sale, please refer to link in **The Bangalore City Co Operative Bank Ltd. Website ie., www.bccbl.co.in** under the head **"Mortgaged Assets for Sale"**.

The E-auction will be conducted through portal **https://bankauctions.in,** on **03.05.2024 & 14.05.2024 from 10.00. A.M to 12.00 P.M** with unlimited extension of 05 minutes. The intending bidder is required to register their name at **https://bankauctions.in/** and get the user Id and password free of cost and get training i.e. online training on E-auction **(tentatively on 02.05.2024 & 13.05.2024)** from **M/s 4 Closure, Mr. Prakash Reddy & Srinivasa (Asst. Manager), No.22, 5th Cross, Gurumahal Extension, Opp. Indian Hotel, K.G. Halli, Jalahalli (West), Bengaluru-560015 Mobile No: 8142000809 & 8142000064, E-mail: prakash@bankauctions.in & srinivas@bankauctions.in For More details contact bccbrec2021@gmail.com Mobile Number : 080-26600512, 26609066**

Date: 12.04.2024
Place : Bengaluru

Sd/- Authorised Officer
The Bangalore City Co-Operative Bank Limited

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Declaration about criminal antecedents of candidates set up by the party

(As per the judgment dated 25th September, 2018 of Hon'ble Supreme Court in WP (Civil) No. 536 of 2011 (Public Interest Foundation &Ors. Vs. Union of India &Anr.)

Name of Political Party : BHARATIYAJANATAPARTY

* Name of Election : GENERAL ELECTIONS TO LOKASABHA 2024

Name of State/ UT : KARNATAKA

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Sl. No.	Name of candidate	Name of constituency	Pending criminal cases		Details about cases of conviction for criminal offences	
			Name of Court, Case No. & status of the case(s)	Sections of the Acts concerned & brief description of offence(s)	Name of Court & date (s) of order(s)	Description of offence(s) & punishment imposed
1	BRIJESH CHOWTA	PC -17, DAKSHINA KANNADA PARLIA MENTARY CONSTITUENCY	JMFC NANJANAGUDU CC No.199/2018 Pending before the HIGH COURT OF KARNATAKA, BENGALURU in Crl.P. 2675/2024	Section 127-A and 133 of the RP Act. Restrictions on the printing of pamphlets, posters and penalty for illegal hiring or procuring of conveyance at elections.	Nil	Nil
2	V.SOMANNA	PC–No.19, Tumkur Parliamentary Constituency	PCR No. 31/2013 Hon´ble Additional City Civil &Session judge, Bangalore City, CCH 82 (Crl. Pet. No.11549/ 2022 reserved for orders in High Courtof Karnataka, Bengaluru)	Offence under Sec. 13(1) (b)(d)& (e) R/W Section 13(2) of P.C.Act, Karnataka Lokayuktha)	NIL	NIL
3	KUMARI SHOBHA KARANDLAJE	PC- 24, BANGALORE NORTH PARLIAME-NTARY CONSTITUENCY	1. CC No. 45/2024 24th ACMM Bengaluru Pending	Sec.123(3), 123(3A), 125 of RP Act Allegation of inflammatory speech and scandalous allegations against particular state	Nil	Nil
			2. CR.No. 24/2024, Madhurai City Police Station, Tamilnadu. Pending	Sec. 153, 153A, 505(1)(B), 505 (2) of IPC Allegation of inflammatory speech and scandalous allegations against particular state	Nil	Nil
			3. CC No.37087/2021 42nd ACMM. Bengaluru	Sec. 499 & 500 of IPC Alleged defamation of Sowmya Reddy	Nil	Nil
			4. CR.No.33/2020 JMFC Tirur. Pending Investigarion	Sec.153A & 34 of IPC Alleged inflammatory speech	Nil	Nil
			5. Spl.CC 124/2014 CCH 82, Bengaluru, PENDING TRIAL	Sec. 45(1) of PMLA R/w. Sec 200 of Cr.PC for offences under Sec 3 & 4 of PMLA Alleged that money is invested in shell company and alleged money laundering	Nil	Nil
4	P.C.Mohan	PC- 25, BANGALORE CENTRAL PARLIAME-NTARY CONSTITUENCY	1.Cr.No.50/2024 Halasuru Gate P.S, Hon'ble 6th ACMM, Bengaluru Stayed in Karnataka High Court in Crl.P.2771/2024	1.Section 143, 149, 188, 283, 290 AND 268 Of IPC. Alleged unlawful assembly, disobedience to order lawfully made by public servant, causing obstruction in public way & public nuisance Carrying out protest in a place other than the designated place as per the licensing and regulation of protests, demonstrations and protest marches (Bengaluru City) order, 2021 under section 31(1)(o) of the Karnataka Police Act, 1963	NIL	NIL
			2.PCR No.46/2019 – CH 82, Hon'ble Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge (Spl Court), Bengaluru –Presently transferred 42nd ACMM Bengalru and Renumbered as 19837/2021. Awaiting further orders from Supreme Court of India in SLP (Crl) No. 1475/2021	Secs. 171G, 177, 181, 191,193,199 And 200 of IPC. Alleged Suppression about immovable Property before the RO in 2014 & 2019 General Elections, Allegedly giving false information, making false statement on oath or affirmation to public servant	NIL	NIL
5	L S TEJASVI SURYA	PC – 26 BANGALORE SOUTH	1. FIR (CRIME) No. 51/2024 , HALARURU GATE PS, BANGALORE (Dt. 20.03.2024) 6th ACMM, Bengaluru. Stayed by Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka Bengaluru in Crl. P. No.2772/2024	Sec. 153A, 295a of IPC, and Sec. 123(3A) of the RP Act, 1950,1951, 1989 Promoting enmity between classes and maliciously insulting the religion or religious belief of any class.	Nil	Nil
			2. FIR (CRIME) No. 50/2024 , HALARURU GATE PS, BANGALORE (Dt. 19.03.2024) 6th ACMM, Bengaluru. Stayed by Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka Bengaluru in Crl. P. No.2773/2024	Sections 143, 149, 188, 283, 290 & 268 of IPC Unlawful assembly, Disobedience to Orderlawfully made by Public Servant, Causing obstruction in Public way and Public nuisance	Nil	Nil
			3. FIR No. 200/2022At Civil Lines PS, New Delhi dt. (30.03.2024) C R Case No. 12/2022 At Rouse Avenue Courts, NewDelhi Stayed by Hon'ble Delhi High Court of in Crl. M.C. No.3867/2023	Sections 143, 147, 149, 186, 188, 332, 353 of IPC Unlawful assembly, Rioting, Obstruction Public Servant, Disobedience to Order lawfully made by Public Servant, voluntarily causing hurt, assault to deter public Servant	Nil	Nil
6	Dr. K. SUDHAKAR	PC –27 Chikkaballapur	CC 35460/2022 Before 42ndACMM, Spl. Court. Pending in Crl. Pet. No. 1055/2023, before the Karnataka High Court, Bengaluru.	Sections 499, 500 501 R/w. Sec.34 of IPC Defamation.		

Lokesh Ambekallu

(State Office Secretary)

Bharatiya Janata Party - Karnataka

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed that my client, **Sri. Arun Sharma**, S/o.Late R.P.Sharma, Aged about 65 Years, residing at No. 50, 2nd Main Road, 3rd Cross,Ballary Road, Dena Bank Colony, Ganganagar, Bangalore North Bengaluru-560032 intends to purchase the Schedule Property from Sri.V.Sagar, S/o. L.Venkatesh, Aged about 28 Years, residing at No.439, 3rd C Main Road, II Phase, Manjunathnagar, Bangalore-560010.

Any person/s having/asserting any right, title, interest, agreement, claim or intending to oppose the purchase in any manner may contact the undersigned and may offer their version, in writing **within seven days** from the publication of this notice with relevant documents, failing which my client would proceed to complete the Sale transaction.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcel of the Residential Site bearing No. RH-78 formed by Bangalore Development Authority in Survey No. 101/1 of Rachenahalli Village, 11th Block, Arkavathi Layout, Bengaluru and bounded on the:

East by : Road;
West by : Site No. RH 63;
North by : Site No. RH 79;
South by : Site No. RH 77;

Sanjay Kumar A Advocate
PSA Law Partners
PSA House, No.47/1A, First Floor, 8th Main,13th Cross, Malleshwaram, Bengaluru-560003, Ph. No. 9886254185

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the Public that Sri. Dinesh Kumar.J, S/o Sri. Jayaram.A, A/a 43 years, R/o No.11, 1st Floor, CPV Block, Ganganagar, R.T.Nagar Post, Bangalore-560032 the Petitioner in the Writ Petition No. 6895/2024 (GM-RES) filing Before the Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru has preferred the present petition seeking a writ Order or direction in the nature of certiorari or any other appropriate writ order or direction quashing the impugned order Dated 30/01/2024 passed in MSC/CR/NO.116/2023 passed by the Maintenance and Welfare of parents and Senior Citizens Tribunal and Assistant Commissioner Bangalore North Sub Division Co-Ordinate Bench of this Court by cancelling the registered partition Deed Dated 26/07/2019 with respect of petitioner portion property bearing old Site No.39, formed in Survey No.16 of Gangenahalli Village, KasabaHobli, Bengaluru North Taluk, then property No.21, New Muncipal No.11, BBMP PID No.98-76-11, situated at 5th Main Hebbal Mill, Gangenahalli measuring East to West 48 feets and North to South 20 Feets, measuring in Total 960 Square feet.

Therefore, there shall be an Interim Order of Stay, as prayed for The Hon'ble High Court of Karnataka, Bengaluru was pleased to Interim relief it is prayed to stay the Operation of the Order Dated 30/01/2024 passed in MSC/CR/NO.116/2023 passed by the Maintenance and Welfare of Parents and Senior Citizens Tribunal and Assistant Commissioner Bangalore North Sub Division Co-Ordinate Bench Cancelling the Registered Partition Deed Dated : 26.07.2019, therefore, it is illegal for Public to subject the above mentioned assets to Purchase, Mortgage, Banking or any other Financial transaction etc.,

Sri. Dinesh Kumar.J,
S/o Sri. Jayaram.A,
A/a 43 years, R/o No.11, 1st Floor, CPV Block, Ganganagar, R.T.Nagar Bangalore-560032.
Dated: 12-04-2024.

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BENJAMIN DISRAELI

PUBLIC NOTICE

I hereby give public notice on behalf of my client **DR. NALINI KILARA,** Wife of late. DR. G. Kilara, residing at No. 001, Opal Mansions, 58/1, 17th Cross Road, Near 6th Main, Malleshwaram, Bangalore – 560 055 that she has lost the original Sale Deed dated 13/11/2014, Registered as Doc No. MLS-1-02625/2014-15, in Book – I, Stored in CD No. MLSD96, in the Office of the Sub Registrar, Malleshwaram, which was executed by Telecom Employees Co-Operative Housing Society Limited" in favour my husband Dr. G. Kilara, for the Property Bearing Site bearing No. 55, formed at Nisarga-1, having khatha No. 1036/55, RDPR E-Khatha No. 150200201300520202, formed in the converted lands bearing No. 30/P2 of Sadhenahalli Village, Hesaraghatta Hobli, Sy No's. 61/1, 61/2, 61/3, 62P, and 63/1 of Tarahunase Village, Jala Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, and the Site is measuring **East to West – 80 feet and North to South – 50 feet in all measuring about 4000 Sq ft.**

If anybody has found or hereinafter finds the same, kindly deliver the said original Sale Deed to the below mentioned address or contact Mr. G. RANGASWAMY, Advocate-Mob. 9880812716 or Mr. Maharaj Diggi, – Mob : 7204599999. Misuser/s of the above original documents will be prosecuted in accordance with criminal and civil law.

Sd\-
G.Rangaswamy
Advocate
No. 435, Ground Floor, Balaji Gokula Apartment, 4th D Cross, 12th Main, Mahalakshmipuram Bangalore 560 086

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under instruction of our client **Sri. Nareen Prasanna, Son of M.M.Prasanna Kumar,** aged about 26 years, residing at No.441, 8th Main, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560 080. We issue this public notice as follows:

1] Our client intended to purchase the property bearing Assessment No.167, Khatha No.5244, Sl.No.5357/1, site No.61, situated at Doddabidarakallu Village, BBMP ward No.40, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West:60 feet and North to South, :20 feet, totally 1200 square feet, which is more fully described hereunder and hereinafter refers to as schedule property for the purpose of this notice from its **owners Smt.Ashwini T, daughter of C.Tulasiram and T.Vinood, son of C.Tulasiram, both are residing at No.3094, 'C' Block, 1st Cross Road, Gayathri Nagar, Bangalore-560 021.**

2] The proposed vendor as furnished and made available all title deeds and Panchayat records pertaining to the schedule property for legal scrutiny. On having legal scrutiny it is found that the vendor having valid right, title, interest and possession and marketable title over the schedule property.

3] On having scrutiny of available documents our client has satisfied that the proposed vendor holds marketable title, even then, as matter of caution our client find necessary to cause this public notice to know about any third parties interest involved over the schedule property other than the proposed vendor. Hence this public notice.

Therefore we the undersigned hereby called upon the general public if any having any interest or vested in trust or any claim of whatsoever nature over the schedule property in any manner or called upon to approach the undersigned or our client directly and to place any such claim owned by you along with required documents within a period of **15 days** from the date of publication of this public notice. If no such claim from anybody among the general public not been forthcoming, it will be construed and decided by our client that the proposed vendor owning exclusive right, title, interest and possession and marketable title and thereby proceed further in the matter concluding sale transaction on terms agreed between our client and the proposed vendor.

SCHEDULE

Part and parcel of property the property bearing Assessment No.167, Khatha No.5244, Sl.No.5357/1, site No.61, situated at Doddabidarakallu Village, BBMP ward No.40, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West : 60 feet and North to South : 20 feet, totally 1200 square feet bounded on: **East by** : 25 feet Road, **West by** : Private property, **North by** : Site No.61 Northern half portion, **South by :** Site No.60.

P.M.Siddamallappa, Advocate
Mylaraiah Associates, Advocates
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IRAN MAY STRIKE ISRAEL IN 48 HRS, U.S. OFFICIAL SAYS

MOSCOW

IRAN could launch a strike on Israeli soil within 24-48 hours the *Wall Street Journal* reported on Friday quoting a highly-placed US intelligence official who added that Israel is preparing for a possible strike targeting either its northern regions or south.

Iran has threatened to attack Israel in retaliation for the attack on its diplomatic enclave in the Syrian capital of Damascus that killed 7 Iranians, including two generals.

The daily quoted a person briefed by Iranian leadership as saying the attack plan is on Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's table and a final decision is yet to be taken. Khamenei, the sources said, is concerned that a direct attack could backfire with the projectiles being intercepted and Israel responding with a massive retaliation on Iran's strategic infrastructure.

Meanwhile, the White House said, Iran's threats of reprisals against Israel remain "real".

"We still deem the potential threat by Iran here to be real, to be viable," National Security Council spokesman John Kirby told journalists.

Kirby would not confirm reports that US officials considered an Iranian attack "imminent" or comment on whether the United States would help shoot down any Iranian missiles fired at Israel. "I would just say that we're watching this very, very closely," he said, adding that Washington would make sure the Israelis "have what they need and that they're able to defend themselves."

The US would also look at its own force posture in the region where it has thousands of troops "to make sure that we're we're properly prepared" in the event of an attack

US President Joe Biden on Wednesday warned that Iran is "threatening to launch a significant attack on Israel." He pledged "ironclad" support for Washington's top regional ally despite diplomatic tensions over Israel's military conduct in Gaza.

Defence Minister Yoav Gallant said Friday that Israel and the United States were "shoulder to shoulder" in facing the threat from Iran, after talks with US Central Command chief Michael Kurilla. "Our enemies think that they can pull apart Israel and the United States, but the opposite is true—they are bringing us together and strengthening our ties", Gallant said, after the two discussed Iran's threats of retaliation for a deadly air strike on its consulate in Syria widely blamed on Israel.

"We stand shoulder to shoulder," Gallant said, adding: "We are prepared to defend ourselves on the ground and in the air, in close cooperation with our partners, and we will know how to respond."

Fears that Iran could soon launch a retaliatory attack spurred France to recommend on Friday that its citizens avoid travelling to the region. *AFP*

Market Watch

MARKET			GOLD			SILVER			FOREX		
793.25 ▼	Sensex	74,244.90	₹1,090 ▲	24 carat (10 gm)	₹73,460	₹1,500 ▲	1kg	₹86,500	▲	Dollar	83.47
234.40 ▼	Nifty	22,519.40	₹1,000 ▲	22 carat (10 gm)	₹67,350	₹15 ▲	10 gm	₹865	▲	Euro	88.78

Vodafone Idea to launch ₹18,000 cr FPO on April 18

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

US-based investment firm GQG Partners and the State Bank of India Mutual Fund are reportedly considering investing up to $800 million (₹6,600 cr) in the upcoming Vodafone Idea Limited's (VIL) follow-on public offering (FPO) of ₹18,000 crore.

A report citing two persons in the know said GQG, run by India-born executive Rajiv Jain, plans to invest about $500 million, while SBI Mutual Fund is considering an investment of $200 million to $300 million. Both the firms are considering investments under the institutional quota.

Vodafone Idea, country's third largest telco, in February 2024 announced its plan to raise funds of nearly ₹45,000 crore through a combination of equity and debt. The telco on Friday (April 12, 2024) announced a follow-on public offering (FPO) of equity shares aggregating up to ₹18,000 crore. Vodafone Idea set the FPO price between ₹10 and ₹11 per share. The company, in an exchange filing said the higher end of the price band, ₹11, represents a discount of about 26% compared to the recently approved preferential issue price to the promoter entity and a discount of about 15% compared to the last closing price. The FPO is scheduled to open on April 18 and close on April 22. "The higher end of the price band i.e. ₹11 is at a discount of 26% compared to recently approved preferential issue price to the promoter entity at ₹14.87 and a discount of 15% compared to last closing price of ₹12.95," said the company.

Interested investors can participate by bidding for a minimum lot of 1,298 equity shares, with the minimum application amount calculated at ₹14,278 for one lot at the upper end of the price band. Following this, investors can bid in multiples of 1,298 equity shares.

The debt-laden telco is trying to raise funds to improve its financial health and to stay competitive. Recently, it successfully raised ₹2,075 crore by issuing preferential shares to Oriana Investments Pte Ltd, a promoter entity within the Aditya Birla Group, at ₹14.87 per share, marking a 40% increase from the FPO floor price. It also sold equity shares to its vendor, American Tower Company (ATC), through the conversion of optionally convertible debentures (OCDs) worth ₹1,440 crore.

ATC now holds a 2.87% stake in Vodafone Idea. Meanwhile, the telco's net loss for the October-December quarter narrowed to '6,986 crore' from '8,738 crore' in the previous quarter.

TCS Q4 net profit beats estimates, rises 9%

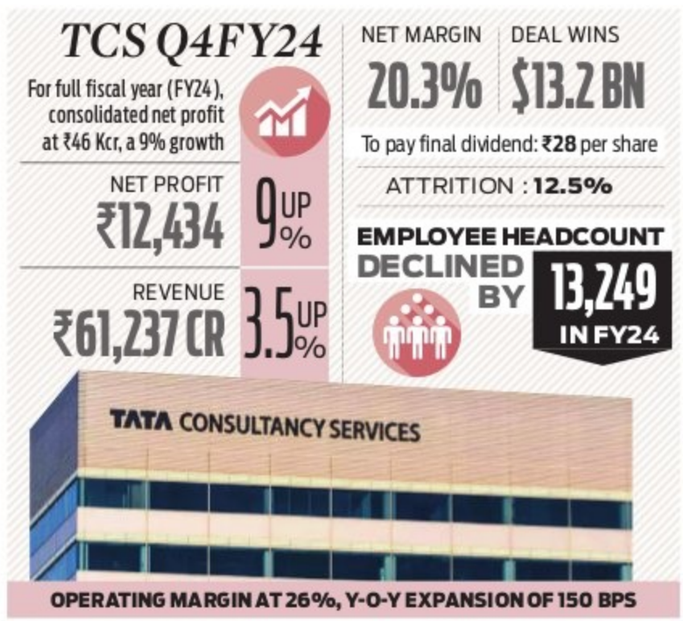
With net profit at ₹12,434 crore, company's growth in the fourth quarter was led by India at 37.9% and UK at 6.2%

UMA KANNAN @ Bengaluru

THE country's largest IT services company Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) on Friday reported a 9% increase in its consolidated net profit for the fourth quarter ended March 31, 2024, at ₹12,434 crore on the back of record deal wins.

Its revenue from operations for Q4 stood at ₹61,237 crore, a growth of 3.5%, compared to ₹59,162 crore in the year-ago period. TCS' FY24 deal wins stood at an all-time high at $42.7 billion and in Q4, its total contract value (TCV) stood at $13.2 billion. For full fiscal FY24, the company's consolidated net profit stood at ₹45,908 crore, a 9% growth, compared to ₹42,147 crore in FY23, and its full year revenue stood at ₹2,40,893 crore, up 6.8% year-on-year (YoY).

Addressing a press conference, K Krithivasan, chief executive officer and managing director of TCS, said, "We have won more than 200 engagements in AI so far this year and our AI and Gen AI pipeline have doubled in this quarter to $900 million." The company's growth in the fourth quarter was led by India at 37.9% and UK at 6.2%. Its operating margin for the quarter stood at 26%, YoY expansion of 150 bps and net margin at 20.3%. N Ganapathy Subramaniam, COO and Executive Director, who will be retiring next month after working with the company for over 40 years, said barring one mega deal, deal sizes are mixed and broad-based. "Many of them are short-term deals of much lower value which is actually good for us," he said. TCS CEO said no single individual can replace Subramaniam and that they don't intend to appoint a new COO.


TCS Q4FY24
For full fiscal year (FY24), consolidated net profit at ₹46 Kcr, a 9% growth
NET PROFIT ₹12,434 9% UP
REVENUE ₹61,237 CR 3.5% UP
NET MARGIN 20.3%
DEAL WINS $13.2 BN
To pay final dividend: ₹28 per share
ATTRITION : 12.5%
EMPLOYEE HEADCOUNT DECLINED BY 13,249 IN FY24
TATA CONSULTANCY SERVICES
OPERATING MARGIN AT 26%, Y-O-Y EXPANSION OF 150 BPS

The company is delegating responsibilities across its senior leadership team. Considering the present market uncertainty, Krithivasan also said that it would be difficult to call when growth will return. But he added that FY25 is expected to be a better year than FY24. For the first time in 19 years, TCS' employee headcount has declined by 13,249 employees in FY24 compared to the previous fiscal. Its IT Services Attrition rate stood at 12.5%

The company also announced a final dividend of ₹28 per share. Also, the management said there are numerous significant opportunities await in India. While the BFSI sector and the consumer business saw a slight decline, the manufacturing segment surged by 9.7%. N Ganapathy Subramaniam also added that our products and platforms business sparkled with the mega deal win at Aviva and emerging markets had another stellar growth quarter demonstrating the power of TCS' diversified portfolio.

Employees to receive 4.5%-7% avg salary hike

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Bengaluru

TCS on Friday announced the annual increments to its employees. Top performers will receive double digit hikes. Milind Lakkad, chief HR officer, said everyone will receive wage hikes starting April and the range would be between 4.5% to 7%.

He added, "The reduced attrition at 12.5%, enthusiastic response to our campus hiring, increased customer visits and employees returning to the office have resulted in great vibrancy in our delivery centres and elevated morale of our associates." TCS is one among the first companies to visit campus and like every year, it will recruit 40,000 freshers in FY25. The IT company has announced its annual TCS national qualifier test (NQT) and Lakkad said all freshers will be onboarded.

Oil demand to rise by 0.2 mn bl/day

RAKESH KUMAR @ New Delhi

INDIA'S oil demand is projected to increase by 0.2 million barrels per day (mb/d) year-on-year (YoY) in the next two quarters, according to the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC).

As per the monthly oil marketing report, diesel is projected to be the driver of oil demand growth, supported mostly by agriculture, construction, and manufacturing activities. Moreover, annual traditional festivities are expected to support transportation activity and boost petrol, while the ongoing air travel recovery is expected to bolster jet or kerosene demand.

"Overall, India is expected to see healthy oil demand growth of 228 tb/d, YoY, in 2024. The healthy economic momentum in 2024 is expected to continue into 2025. Furthermore, manufacturing and business activities in India are expected to be steady, supporting an oil demand increase of 228 tb/d, y-o-y," reads the report.

However, in February, the country witnessed a notable decline in crude oil imports, dropping by 11% month-on-month (MoM) to reach 4.5 million barrels per day (mb/d). Last year, there was a 10% decrease in imports for the same period.

In February 2024, India witnessed a significant increase in product imports, including Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), which surged by 118 thousand barrels per day (tb/d) or nearly 10% MoM), averaging 1.2 mb/d. According to the OPEC report, this growth was observed across all major product categories, with LPG leading the way. However, year-on-year (y-o-y), product imports experienced a decrease of 78 tb/d or almost 7%.

Meanwhile, India's export of petroleum products showed a significant recovery, surging by 18% to 1.4 mb/d.

ASIANOMICS

JAPAN

JAPAN HOUSEHOLDS SEE HIGHER PRICES A YR FROM NOW

A survey conducted by the central bank showed on Friday that more Japanese households see prices of commodities are going to go up in a year time from now. The inflation expectations rose in the three months to early March. The survey conducted between February 8 and March 5 by the Bank of Japan (BOJ) showed 83.3% expected prices to rise a year from now, an increase from 79.3% in the previous survey conducted three months ago. Besides, 80.6% of households expected prices to go up five years from now, a rise from 76.5% in the previous poll. Households' inflation expectations are among the factors the BOJ scrutinises in determining whether inflation will sustainably achieve its 2% target. BOJ Governor Kazuo Ueda said during an interview with the Asahi newspaper published last week that inflation would likely accelerate from "summer towards autumn" as bumper pay hikes push up prices.

CHINA

MARCH EXPORTS, IMPORTS SHRINK, MISS FORECASTS

Exports and imports of China fell, undershooting market forecasts by big margins, customs data showed on Friday. This will make it tougher task for the policymakers as they try to bolster a shaky economic recovery. Shipments from China rose 7.5% year-on-year last month, marking the biggest fall since August last year and compared with a 2.3% decline forecast by economists. They raised 7.1% in the January-February period. Exporters endured a tough period for much of last year on account of soft overseas demand and tight global monetary policy. With the Federal Reserve and other developed country's showing no urgency to reduce interest rates, Chinese manufacturers may face with a further period of challenges as they try to shore up goods sales overseas. The China Beige Book survey said the recent improvements in business conditions, including better corporate revenue, profits and capital spending, were "more of a return to mediocre from genuinely poor."

PHILIPPINES

MOODY'S UPGRADES GDP FORECAST

Moody's on Friday upgrade its Philippine GDP growth forecast to 5.9% for both 2024 and 2025. However, this is much short of the recently revised government targets of 6-7% for 2024 and 6.5-7.5% for 2025. The country poised to stay ahead of the curve, with Moody's projecting a 6.1% growth in 2026. Still, this trails the government's more aggressive goals of 6.5-8% growth. The rating agency attributed the strong regional performance to a delayed post-pandemic bounce back. Moody's expects inflation moderating to 3.5% average this year, falling to 3.2% in 2025 and 3% in 2026. This is more optimistic than the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' forecast of 4% for 2024 and 3.5% for 2025. Potential upward pressures include transportation costs, food prices, and global oil price movements. The Asia Pacific region, particularly Southeast Asia, is forecast to outperform the global average. Moody's projects regional growth of 3.8% in 2024 compared to the world's 2.5%.

India, Mauritius tax treaty: Benefits only for bona fide purpose

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

INDIA and Mauritius have signed a protocol to amend the double taxation avoidance agreement (DTAA) by adding principle purpose test (PPT). PPT is a provision in international tax treaties designed to prevent abuse and tax avoidance by denying pact benefits if one of the principal purposes of a transaction was to take advantage of those benefits, rather than for genuine commercial reasons.

The protocol added a new article, "Article 27B Entitlement to Benefits," to ensure that treaty benefits are granted only for transactions with a bona fide purpose. The amendment, signed on March 7, has now been made public.

As per Lokesh Shah, Partner, INDUSLAW, introduction of PPT is a measure implemented to align the tax treaty with base erosion and profit shifting (BEPS) Action Plan 6 initiated by the OECD and G20 Countries to combat tax evasion.

"This would mean taxpayer's resident in Mauritius can no longer simply rely on a tax residency certificate (TRC) issued by Mauritius Revenue authority to claim treaty benefits," Shah said. The Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Circular 789 had clarified that TRC by Mauritian authorities will constitute sufficient evidence of residence to claim benefits of tax treaty. Later, the Supreme Court of India in the case of Azadi Bachao Andolan upheld the validity of Circular No. 789. With PPT test now introduced in the India-Mauritius tax treaty, tax authorities in India are likely to look beyond TRC and will have the ability to deny the benefit of India-Mauritius tax treaty if it is reasonable to conclude, having regard to all relevant facts and circumstances, that obtaining the treaty benefits was one of the principal purposes of any arrangement or transaction that resulted directly or indirectly such tax benefit. "The tax authorities will have the ability to take a closer look at the structure, and assess the intent and commercial rationale, before granting treaty benefits. Existing structures / investments from Mauritius will now need to pass through the PPT test," Shah added.

Meanwhile, Punit Shah, Partner, Dhruva Advisors, said "The protocol amending India Mauritius tax treaty provides that even if one of the main purposes of setting up structure in Mauritius is to take benefit of tax exemptions, such benefit can be denied. Hence, the investors would need to demonstrate commercial justification and rationale for setting up in Mauritius."

Sensex, Nifty fall 1% on concerns over US Fed's ability to cut interest rates

ARSHAD KHAN @ New Delhi

AFTER a robust start to the week when the domestic equity market touched two new milestones, local shares declined sharply on Friday on concerns related to the Federal Reserve's ability to undertake three rate cuts this year after the US reported higher-than-expected monthly inflation data.

The market turned cautious due to potential changes in the India-Mauritius tax treaty which could lead to increased scrutiny, a concern for foreign portfolio investors (FPIs). Mauritius, a tax haven nation, is a major spruce nation for FPI investment in the country. Further, a tepid start to the Q4 earning season and rising tensions between Iran and Israel forced investors to book profit.

India's equity market benchmarks crashed over 1% each with the BSE Sensex closing the day at 74,244.90, down 793 points or 1.06%. Nifty50 ended the day at 22,519.40, lower by 234 points or 1.03%. In the broader market, BSE MidCap and SmallCap indices declined about 0.5% each.

Only five stocks in Nifty50 pack -- Divi's Lab, Bajaj Auto, Tata Motors, TCS and Nestle India -- managed to close in the green on Friday. Shares of Sun Pharma, Maruti, Power Grid, Titan and ONGC fell between 2-4%. Friday's selling pressure came after Sensex hit 75,000 mark for the first time on Tuesday and the market cap of listed stocks on BSE crossed ₹400 lakh crore on Monday. "US inflation soared by 0.4% MoM, surpassing expectations and triggering a spike in US Treasury yields. Investors are questioning feasibility of US Fed's anticipated three rate cuts this year, leading to underperformance in emerging markets," Vinod Nair, head of research, Geojit Financial Services.

BUSY DAYS AHEAD

With over ₹35K cr issues, April to see IPO rush

BENN KOCHUVEEDAN @ Mumbai

THE two-month-long, seven-phased general elections ending early June has companies looking to hit the capital markets with primary and secondary issues, with nearly a dozen issuers lining up equity sales worth over ₹35,000 crore more in the month. The month already saw a bumper issue -- the ₹4,275 crore offer-for-sale by Bharti Hexacom earlier this week.

The bundling of the issues, according to two investment bankers, is primarily because Maharashtra and Gujarat--the two of the largest markets for capital markets in particular and overall investments in general -- will be going to the polls in May in multiple phases.

Already the new fiscal got off to a smooth ride with the ₹4,275 crore OFS by Bharti Hexacom, an arm of the mobile major Bharti Airtel which got listed today with a 32.4% gain over the issue price of ₹570.

As per Axis Capital, one of the leading domestic i-bankers, there are over 30 issues lined up for the first quarter, most of which will take place in April and June. As per Axis Capital last fiscal 80 issues raised ₹68,000 crore through IPOs/FPOs/OFSes and this fiscal is likely to see more than 120 issues which are likely to mop up over ₹1.25 lakh croe, or 30 issues each quarter.

Two i-bankers who wished not to be quoted, told The New Indian Express Friday that they are working on nearly a dozen issues which are likely collectively garner over ₹35,000 crore. More than half of this (Rs 18,000 crore to be precise) will come from the follow-on-publicoffer (FPO) being launched by the financially struggling mobile operator Vodafone Idea next week.

The other major issues waiting share sales include the ₹5,000-crore issue from the Blackstone-backed Adhaar Housing (mostly be an OFS like Bharti Hexacon, which was fully OFS), and the ₹3,000-crore issue from the Bengaluru-based pharma services palyer Indegene, and a small issue of ₹125 crore from the fintech player Akme Fintrade.

Other issues in the pipeline for the current quarter, according to an Axis Capital note, include standalone insurance player Digit, Fincare Small Finance Bank, water technology player Denta, piping systems player Dee Development Engineers, CJ Darcl Logistics, developer Arkade, Ebixcash, SPC Lifesciences, Stanley Lifestyles, JNK India and Indo Farm Equipment, Western Careers India, and Survical Technologies among others.

Barring Akme Fintrade, which is a fully fresh issue, all others issues are mostly OFS with a minor portion of the issue being fresh issue of shares. More than 40 issue applications are pending with the Sebi, according to Axis Capital note, which includes, a ₹7,000 crore issue (₹1,250 fresh issue and the rest OFS) from the construction major from the Pallonji group Afcons, another ₹7,000 crore issue from Ola Electric, ₹1,200 crore issue from PN Gadgil Jewellers; ₹1,000 crore issue from Northern Arc Capital, ₹1,500 crore issue from the liquor major Allied Blenders & Distillers, ₹1,200 crore issue from Emcure Pharma, Rs 1,500 crore issue from Ashirwad Microfinance, Kerala-based jewellery major Joy Allukas, a mega issue from NSDL which will be fully an OFS, among others.

Forex rises for seventh week, adds $2.98 bn

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU @ Mumbai

THE country's foreign exchange reserves continue to hit new highs for the seventh week on the trot adding close to $3 billion to touch a new high of $648.56 billion for the week ending April 5, driven mainly by record run that gold has seen of late, show the latest data from the RBI.

In the previous reporting week ending March 29, too, the reserves had added $2.96 billion while for the reporting week the addition has been $2.98 billion.

The reserves accretion has been led by the yellow metal, which has been on fire for many months now. The RBI has been adding to the gold reserves of late, and has snapped up 2 tonne in 2024 alone.

As per the latest weekly statistical supplement from the central bank, foreign currency assets, major component of the forex assets, rose by $549 million to $571.17 billion, while gold reserves grew by $2.4 billion to $54.56 billion.

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2nd Auction date & Time : 29.04.2024 ,02.00 PM Auction centre : Door No. 5945/2 in First Floor, Krishna Complex, Opposite to Bharat Petrol Bunk, Patel Chinnappa Extension, BH Road, Nelamangala, Bengaluru, 562123 (Banglore Rural District) D CROSS DODDABALLAPUR 202303910100307
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Under instruction of our client **Sri. Nareen Prasanna, son of M.M. Prasanna Kumar,** aged about 26 years, residing at No.441, 8th Main, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560 080. We issue this public notice as follows:

1] Our client intended to purchase the property bearing Assessment No.167, site no.58 and 59 Doddabidarakallu Village, BBMP ward No.40, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West:60 feet and North to South, towards East :75 feet and towards West :77 feet, totally 4560 square feet, which is more fully described hereunder and hereinafter refers to as schedule property for the purpose of this notice from its **owner Smt. Ashwini T, daughter of C.Tulasiram, No.3094, 'C' Block, 1st Cross Road, Gayathri Nagar, Bangalore-560 021.**

2] The proposed vendor as furnished and made available all title deeds and Panchayat records pertaining to the schedule property for legal scrutiny. On having legal scrutiny it is found that the vendor having valid right, title, interest and possession and marketable title over the schedule property.

3] On having scrutiny of available documents our client has satisfied that the proposed vendor holds marketable title, even then, as matter of caution our client find necessary to cause this public notice to know about any third parties interest involved over the schedule property other than the proposed vendor. Hence this public notice.

Therefore we the undersigned hereby called upon the general public if any having any interest or vested in trust or any claim of whatsoever nature over the schedule property in any manner or called upon to approach the undersigned or our client directly and to place any such claim owned by you along with required documents within a period **of 15 days** from the date of publication of this public notice. If no such claim from anybody among the general public not been forthcoming, it will be construed and decided by our client that the proposed vendor owning exclusive right, title, interest and possession and marketable title and thereby proceed further in the matter concluding sale transaction on terms agreed between our client and the proposed vendor.

SCHEDULE

Part and parcel of property the property bearing Assessment No.167, site No.58 and 59 Doddabidarakallu Village, BBMP ward No.40, Yeshwanthapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, measuring East to West:60 feet and North to South, towards East :75 feet and towards West :77 feet, totally 4560 square feet bounded on: **East by :** Road, **West by :** Private property, **North by :** Site No.60, **South by :** Site No.57.

P.M.Siddamallappa, Advocate
Mylaraiah Associates, Advocates
No.23, Ground Floor, Suraj Sadan Apartments, 2nd Cross, Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560 009

PUBLIC NOTICE

Under instruction of our client **Sri. M.M.Prasanna Kumar son of late C.Muddappa,** aged about 62 years, residing at No.441, 8th Main, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore - 560080. We issue this public notice as follows:

1) Our client intended to purchase the property site no.16 and 17 part of Nisarga Layout bearing katha no.113, measuring East to West : 40 feet and North to South : 80 feet formed out of agricultural land bearing Sy. No.43/2 measuring 2 acres 27 guntas situated at Heggadadevanapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore north Taluk, which is more fully described hereunder and hereinafter refers to as schedule property for the purpose of this notice from its **owner N.Nagaraju son of Nanjappa, resident of No.23/138, 1st 'B' Cross Road, 8th Main, 1st Stage, Munichinnappa Layout, BTM 1st Phase, Bangalore- 560 026.**

2) The proposed vendor as furnished and made available all title deeds and Panchayat records pertaining to the schedule property for legal scrutiny. On having legal scrutiny it is found that the vendor having valid right, title, interest and possession and marketable title over the schedule land and that the proposed vendor has created monthly leave in favour of SM Rank International School run by Sri. Lakshmi Venkateshwara Educational Trust.

3) On having scrutiny of available documents our client has satisfied that the proposed vendor N.Nagaraju holds marketable title, even then, as matter of caution our client find necessary to cause this public notice to know about any third parties interest involved over the schedule property other than the proposed vendor. Hence this public notice.

4) Therefore we the undersigned hereby called upon the general public if any having any interest or vested in trust or any claim of whatsoever nature over the schedule property in any manner or called upon to approach the undersigned or our client directly and to place any such claim owned by you along with required documents within a period of **15 days** from the date of publication of this public notice. If no such claim from anybody among the general public not been forthcoming, it will be construed and decided by our client that the proposed vendor owning exclusive right, title, interest and possession and marketable title and thereby proceed further in the matter concluding sale transaction on terms agreed between our client and the proposed vendor.

SCHEDULE

The part and parcel of property consisting of ground plus four stored building bearing site no.16 and 17, katha no.113, part of Nisarga Layout, Heggadadevanapura Village, Dasanapura Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk bounded on: **East by :** Road, **West by :** Site No.9 and 10, **North by:** Site No.15, **South by :** Site No.18.

P.M.Siddamallappa, Advocate
Mylaraiah Associates, Advocates
No.23, Ground Floor,
Suraj Sadan Apartments, 2nd Cross,
Gandhinagar, Bangalore-560 009

COURT NOTICE

CCH-15 IN THE COURT OF THE VIII ADDITIONAL CITY CIVIL JUDGE AT BANGALORE
O.S No. 8272 OF 2023

BETWEEN: **1.Mr. NAVIL V. HEGGERE** Aged about 44 years, son of Late Mr.Heggere V Prakash, #187, (12/31), Ground Floor, Udani Layout, Cambridge Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore 560 008. Now currently residing at # 6 Keating Way, Narellan Vale, NSW 2567, Australia Represented by his Power of Attorney Mr. Heggere S Raj .... PLAINTIFF

AND: **1.Mrs. DHANALAKSHMI**
2.Dr. ANIL V HEGGERE ...DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT NO.2

To, 1.DR. ANIL V HEGGERE Son of Late Mr. Heggere Prakash, Aged about 33 years, Residing at No. # 187 (12/31); 1st floor Udani layout, Cambridge Road, Ulsoor Bangalore 560008.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY
(Description of the Schedule Property)

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Plot No. E-2, No. 12, present BBMP Katha No. 12/31, PID No. 75-44-12/31, Now 187, Udani Layout, Cambridge Road, Ulsoor, Bangalore 560 008, measuring East to West 55 feet and North to South 43 feet and 6 inches, totally measuring 2,392.5 square feet, along with 2,400 square feet of residential building standing thereon and consisting of ground and first floor with ceramic flooring and Honne wood doors and windows, and bounded on the

East by: Frank Anthony's Public School; **West by:** 30 Feet wide layout Road; **North by:** Plot No. E-3 **South by:** Plot No. E-1

Given Under My Hand and The Seal of This Court, This 3rd Day of April 2024.

BY ORDER OF THE COURT

ADVOCATE FOR PLAINTIFFS
PRASHANTH, JAYAKUMAR AND SUBRAMANYA, Advocates,
At Lower Ground Floor - C. Bharat Apartments, Fair Field Layout, Race Course Road, Bangalore 560 001.

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E- TENDER NOTICE (REVISED)

No. CAPT/509/2024-M2(MTL) 11.04.2024

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TENDER NOTICE NO: 67/2024 Dt.12.04.2024.
SUPPLY OF STORES ITEMS
e-Procurement Tender Notice

PUB/0338

The Following Tenders Have Been Floated Online. Tenders Are Requested To Visit The Website **www.ireps.gov.in** And Submit Their Offers Online. The Tender Description, Qty, EMD, SD May Be Seen In Website. Offers Submitted Manually Will Not Be Accepted. Offers By Post Will Not Be Entertained. Tender Closing Time Is 14.30 Hrs Of The Due Date Of The Tender. "For All Indigenous Offers, EMD Will Be Accepted Only Via Online System As Available On **www.ireps.gov.in.**"

Tender No.	Brief Description
73.24.1090	Bolt Hex Head with Nut
38.24.1327	Coupler ROD(for air brake)
60.24.6304	Manufacture & supply of PSC
38.24.1435	Brake Wear Plate
17.23.1003B	Element Filter Fibre Glass
60.23.7647	Procurement of Emergency pump unit
29.24.1385	All Steel lock nut size M20X2.5
30233592A	Axle Box Housing Finish Machined
66.24.5298	Hydraulic pump as per Plasser part
29.24.5005	Supply, Installation & commissioning of Dry
29.23.1063A	Kit for EP Relay valve for E-70
60.23.9493	Procurement of ACHOMETER,
77.24.1337	Ready Mixed paint Air Drying Red Oxide

Note:-Due dates of Tender Opening: SL.No 01.02 On dt.30.04.2024 SL No.03 &04 on dt 01.05.2024 SL.no.05 on dt 02.05.2024 SL No 06 to 08 on dt 06.05.2024 SL.NO. 09 on dt 07.05.2024 SL.NO.10 on dt 08.05.2024 SL NO. 11 on dt 10.05.2024 SL.No.12 on dt 13.05.2024 SL. No. 13 on dt 04.06.2024

Beside Above Mentioned Tenders There Are Other Tenders Having Value Below **Rs.25 Lakhs.**

For Details, Please Visit Railway Website Above.

Principal Chief Material Manager/Secunderabad

CORRIGENDUM

PUB/0339

Corrigendum to e-tende no. EWS-WKS-T-31-1-2023-24 Dt.18.03.2024 regarding change of the closing date for the work of "USFD testing of Flash Butt welding joints by Phased Array Ultrasonic Weld Tester (PAUT) at FBWP/MLY".

In connection with the above e-tender no, the following corrigendum is to be issued.

E-Tender No.: EWS-WKS-T-31-1-2023-24 Dt.18.03.2024 **Description of item :** Tender closing date & time **Earlier Published as:** 16.04.2024 & 15.00 hrs **Now to be published as:** 10.05.2024 & 15.00 hrs.

A0431 **Dy.Chief Engineer, EWS, Lallaguda, Secunderabad**

For further tender conditions / details and for downloading the tender documents, Please visit website at https://www.ireps.gov.in or www.scr.indianrailways.gov.in

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Tel No. 080-25095087. e-mail : cs8191@pnb.co.in

CORRIGENDUM NOTICE

With reference to the Auction Notice published for e-Auction scheduled on **26.04.2024 from 11.00 Am to 5.00 PM** in this Newspaper on **11.04.2024,** in Page No.02, it is informed to the public at large that the Auction Date is **is to be corrected to read as 25.04.2024 instead of 26.04.2024.** All other matter remain the same.

Place: Bangalore Sd/- AUTHORISED OFFICER & CHIEF MANAGER
Date : 13.04.2024 PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK (SECURED CREDITOR)

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - KARNATAKA
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

RC NO: 9022

CANARA BANK, INFANTRY ROAD, BANGALORE-560001 ...Certificate Holder
-- Versus --
SKANDA INDUSTRIES AND OTHERS

DEMAND NOTICE

1. SKANDA INDUSTRIES, No. 27, J.C. Industrial Area, Yelachanahalli, Kanakapura Road, Bangalore-560062. Represented by its Managing Partner Sri. Y.N. Anand Rao
2. SRI Y.N. ANAND RAO, S/o Late Narayana Rao
3. SMT RATHNA, W/o Sri Y.N. Anand Rao
4. SRI Y.A. SRIDHAR, S/o Sri Y.N. Anand Rao
5. SRI Y.A. MANJUNATH, S/o Sri Y.N. Ananda Rao
6. SRI SRINIVASA Y.A, S/o Sri Ananda Rao, Defendants No. 2 to 6 are R/a: No. 249, 2nd 'C' Cross, 2nd C Main, Girinagar, Bangalore-560085 ...Defendants

In View of the Recovery Certificate issued in **O.A No. 581/2011** passed by the Presiding Officer, DRT, Bangalore and Amount of **Rs. 50,39,588.20 (Rupees Fifty Lakhs Thirty Nine Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Eight and Paise Twenty Only)** is due against you. You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on **04th Day of Feb, 2016.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

Indian Bank **STRESSED ASSETS MANAGEMENT BRANCH**
No 10, 1st Floor, Indian Bank Buildings K G Road, Bengaluru 560009

APPENDIX- IV-A [See proviso to rule 8 (6)]
Sale notice for sale of immovable properties

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8 (6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditors, the Symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officers of Indian Bank, the Secured Creditors, will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on **06-05-2024** for recovery of **Rs.212,11,26,824.28/- (Rupees Two Hundred Twelve Crores Eleven Lakh Twenty-Six Thousand Eight Hundred Twenty-Four and paisa Twenty-Eight)** as on **31-03-2024** with further interest and charges and expenses due to Indian Bank, SAM Branch, Bangalore, Secured Creditor **M/s Mantri Developers Private Limited,** 'MANTRI HOUSE', #41, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore-560001 represented by its Directors No. 2 to 7. 02. Shri.Sushil Pandurang Mantri (Promoter Director) 'MANTRI HOUSE', # 41, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore 560001' .03. Smt.Snehal Mantri (Promoter Director) 'MANTRI HOUSE', # 41, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore 560001. 04. Shri. Rajesh Omkarnath Malpani (Director) 'MANTRI HOUSE', # 41, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore 560001. 05. Shri.Rajat Tandon (Additional Director) 'MANTRI HOUSE', # 41, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore 560001. 06. Shri. Jan Willaim Adriaan De Gues (Director) 'MANTRI HOUSE', # 41, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore 560001. 07.Shri. Pratik Sushil Mantri (Director) 'MANTRI HOUSE', # 41, Vittal Mallya Road, Bangalore 560001. 08.M/s. Gurukrupa Developers, a Partnership Firm having its Registered Office at 767/5, Bhandarkar Institute Road, Pune - 411004 represented by its Partners No. 09 to 13 hereunder. 09. Mr.Yogesh Mangalsen Behl, Partner of M/s. Gurukrupa Developers situated at 767/5, Bhandarkar Institute Road, Pune - 411004. 10.Mr. Sunil Tatya Singh Malke Partner of M/s. Gurukrupa Developers situated at 767/5, Bhandarkar Institute Road, Pune - 411004. 11.Mr.Dilip Madhukar Giramkar, Partner of M/s. Gurukrupa Developers situated at 767/5, Bhandarkar Institute Road, Pune - 411004. 12.Mr. Sandeep Yashwant Dighe, Partner of M/s. Gurukrupa Developers situated at 767/5, Bhandarkar Institute Road, Pune - 411004.13.Mr. Ashok ShivnarayanThepade, Partner of M/s. Gurukrupa Developers situated at 767/5, Bhandarkar Institute Road, Pune - 411004.14. M/s.Mantri Homes Private Limited, 'Mantri House', # 41, VittalMallya Road, Bangalore 560001. 15.M/s.Mantri Mansion Private Limited, 'Mantri House', # 41, VittalMallya Road, Bangalore 560001.The specific details of the properties intended to be brought to sale through e-auction mode are enumerated below:

Description of the entire property: All that piece and parcel of the land to the extent of 28,303 Sq. Yards (or) 23,661.77 Sq. Mtrs bearing TS No 16/3 (P), Block H, Ward No. 9 situated at Shaikpet Village and Mandal, near Jubilee Hills Check Post Hyderabad.
Property Mortgaged to the Bank: The 50 % Developers Undivided Share right* and title in the land comprised in the above said property measuring 11,830.88 Sq. Mts., forming portion of property bearing T.S. No. 16/3(P), Block H, Ward No- 9, situated at Shaikpet Village and Mandal, near Jubilee Hill Check Post, Hyderabad, along with 50% of Super built up area to be constructed thereto, measuring to 4,19,999 Sq. ft., being the Developer's share in the project and Bounded by: -North by: Road (Jubilee Hills Check Post),South by: KasuBrahmananda Reddy Park,East by: Road No.2, Banjara Hills and West by: Road No.1, Jubilee Hills (Owned by Mantri Mansion Pvt. Ltd.,) **Measuring 3,25,025 Sq.ft. encompassing '3' cellars + GF and '7' upper floors in BLOCK -B, C, D, E, F, G.**

Prior Encumbrances on property	NIL
Reserve Price	Rs 2,72,50,00,000/-
EMD Amount	Rs 50,00,000/-
Bid incremental amount	Rs 10,00,000/-
Date and time of e-auction	06-05-2024 11 AM TO 4.00 PM
Property ID No	IDIB30025884476

Bidders are advised to visit the website (**www.mstcecommerce.com/auction/home/ibapi**) of our e auction service provider MSTC Ltd to participate in online bid. For Technical Assistance Please call MSTC HELPDESK No. 033-23400020/23400021/23400022 and other help line numbers available in service providers help desk. For Registration status with MSTC Ltd, please contact ibapiop@mstcecommerce.com and for EMD status please contact ibapifin@mstcecommerce.com.
For property details and photograph of the property and auction terms and conditions please visit: **https://ibapi.in** and for clarifications related to this portal, please contact help line number '18001025026' and '011-41106131'.
Bidders are advised to use Property ID Numbers as mentioned above while searching for the property in the website with **https://ibapi.in** and **www.mstcecommerce.com**.

Date: 12-04-2024, Place: Bangalore **Sd/-Authorised Officer, Indian Bank**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

My Client's Mrs. Gayathri, W/o. Mr. Adeiah Shetty, R/at. No. 221, 2nd Cross, Chikkabeguru Gate, Bangalore South, Bangalore 560 068, do hereby inform to the General Public that she has lost Original Sale Deed No. ANK-1-05038-2020-21, CD No. ANKD935, dtd 16/12/2020, registered in the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Anekal, Bangalore. Inspite of best efforts she could not trace the same and in this regard and she has lodged a Police Complaint vide lost Report No. 0991220/2024, at Jurisdictional Police Station, If anybody finds the above said documents or is in possession, please hand over the same to the above said address or contact 88800 01117.

SRIDHARA .P and S. ANIL KUMAR
Advocates
No.2, Near SVR College,
Samasandra Palya, HSR 2nd Sector,
Bangalore - 560 102.
CELL : 88800 01117, 98864 38330
Bangalore, Date : 12/04/2024

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

OPEN TENDER NOTICE NO 07/SBC/24 of 03-04-2024

The undersigned, on behalf of the President of India, Invites E-Tenders for the following works:

Sl.	Description of work	Approx Value
1	**Bengaluru - Dharmavaram Section :** Provision of safety fencing with W-beam metal barriers along side the track for a length of 63.4 km in connection with the work of increasing sectional speed from 110 kmph to 130 kmph. Maintenance period is 12 months	Rs. 24,60,46,965/-
2	**Bengaluru - Sampige Road Section :** Provision of safety fencing with W-beam metal barriers along side the track for a length of 36.50 km in connection with the work of increasing sectional speed from 110 kmph to 130 kmph. Maintenance period is 12 months.	Rs. 14,16,41,899/-
3	**Sub Work - I : Bengaluru - Tumakuru :** Strengthening of bridge No. 268 at km 93/000-200 in Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Yesvanthpur subdivision. **Sub Work - II** : Proposed fixing of sign boards on approaches of bridges ie., Br. No. 535 Up, 516 Up, 490, 480, 434, 319, 288, 285, 281, 268, 266, 259, 224, 214 and 197 of Baiyappanahalli (BYPL) - Dharmavaram (DMM) section (Total 15 bridges). **Sub Work - III** : Proposed fixing of sign boards on approaches of bridges ie., Br. No. 257 of Yelahanka-Bangarpet section, 352 A of Bengaluru-Tumakuru section (Total 2 bridges). Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later.	Rs. 98,68,175/-
4	**Yesvantpur** : Operation and maintenance of SCADA system of camtech design for watering facilities to 6 platforms 4 lines of Yesvantpur coaching depot for 2 years.	Rs. 82,83,110/-
5	**Sub Work - I : Yesvantpur** : Improvements to pit lines including Through rail renewal (Secondary) of existing 52kg/90R rails with 52kg/90 UTS for a length of 1.185km on pit line 1 and 2. **Sub Work - II** : Yesvantpur : Improvements to pit lines including Through rail renewal (Secondary) of existing 52kg/90R rails with 52kg/90 UTS for a length of 1.135km on pit line 3 and 4. Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later.	Rs. 4,31,21,369/-
6	Manufacturing, supply and stacking of machine crushed Track ballast including leading and loading at Hirisave (HISE) depot (Quantity = 12510 cum) in connection with the work of "Chikka Banavara sec : Through ballast recoupment for a length of 7.881 km in looplines of B G Nagar (BGNR), Hirisave (HISE), Shravanabelagola (SBGA), Channarayapatna (CNPA) and Samudravalli (DSVS) yards"	Rs.1,50,43,900/-
7	**Sub Work - I** : Chikka Banavara - Hassan Sec : Construction of boundary wall at Nelamangala (NMGA) at km 13/300-14/000, Kunigal (KIGL) at km 58/200-550 on LHS and RHS, Yediyuru (YY) at km 75/800-76/200 on LHS and RHS and B G Nagar (BGNR) at km 90/000-550 on LHS stations in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Kunnigal sub-division. **Sub Work - II** : Shravanabelogala (SBGA) station : Proposed construction of platform toilet at PF-1. **Sub Work - III** : Construction of RCC drain for a length of 1500m in connection with the work of "Bengaluru-Salem sec : Through Ballast recoupment of points and crossings 10 Nos at Hosur (HSRA) yard in Assistant Divisional Engineer /Dharmapuri section. Maintenance period is 6 months.	Rs. 3,65,50,782/-
8	**Bengaluru - Salem Section :** Supply of drinking water to Railway station, staff quarters, LC gates and Trackmen rest rooms between Omalur - Lottegollahalli stations.	Rs. 34,02,083/-
9	**Sub Work - I:**Manufacturing, supply and stacking of machine crushed Track ballast including leading and loading at Periya Naga Thunai (PRNT) depot (Quantity = 21,150 cum) in connection with the work of (a) Bengaluru-Salem section : Increasing sleeper density of existing 52kg PSC sleepers of 1310/km to 1540/km for a length of 9.565km in loop lines of Assistant Divisional Engineer /Dharmapuri, (b) Chikka Banavara - Hassan section : Through ballast recoupment of Points and crossings at Nelamangala (NMGA) yard - 08 Nos., (c) Through ballast recoupment of points and crossings at Dharmapuri (DPJ), Rayakottai (RYC), Periya Naga Thunai (PRNT), Kelamangalam (KMLM) and Banaswadi (BAND) yards - Total 11 Nos., (d) Bengaluru - Salem sec : Through ballast recoupment of points and crossings 10 Nos., at Hosur (HSRA) yard. **Sub Work - II** : Bengaluru - Salem sec : Supply and dumping of ballast in connection with the work of Construction of track machine siding at Rayakottai (RYC) station in Assistant Divisional Engineer /Dharamapuri section.	Rs. 2,03,93,140/-
10	**Sub Work - I** : Replacement of steel girder with PSC slab for Bridge No. 490 (1x12.20m) at Km 29/800-900 between Rajanukunte and Dodballapur stations of Baiyappanahalli - Dharmavaram section. **Sub Work - II**: Replacement of steel girder with PSC slabs of size above 9.15m and up to 12.20m span bridges for Bridge no. 448 at Km 8/398 between Nayandahalli (NYH) - Jnana Bharati Halt (GNB) stations of Bengaluru - Mysuru section. Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later.	Rs. 1,20,05,264/-
11	**KSR Bengaluru: Sub Work - I** : Proposed civil works for the provision of lift - 1 No. at PF No. 9 and 10 for FOB at Bengaluru Cantonment end of KSR Bengaluru station. **Sub Work - II:** Proposed civil works for the provision of lift - 1 No. at PF No. 5 and 6 for FOB at Bengaluru Cantonment end of KSR Bengaluru station. **Sub Work - III:** Provision of lift to FOB connecting Metro Sky walk on back side of KSR Bengaluru station. **Sub Work - IV:** KSR Bengaluru - Mysuru section: Proposed constructions of Track Men Rest Room/Tool Room. - 7 Nos. in Assistant Divisional Engineer /Mandya Section - Balance work. Maintenance period is 3 months.	Rs. 1,42,12,041/-
12	**KSR Bengaluru and Bangalore Cantt:** Supply of drinking water to Railway Station and Staff Quarters in Assistant Divisional Engineer/ Mandya/G/Bengaluru subdivision for KSR Bengaluru and Bengaluru Cantt stations for a period of six months.	Rs. 65,89,500/-
13	**Bengaluru - Mysuru Section:** Provision of standard height gauge at level crossings No. 2, 9,10, 24, 26, 31, 32, 35, 38, 42, 44, 45. Total 12 LCs (29 nos of Height gauges) in Senior Divisional Engineer/West/Bengaluru section. Maintenance period is 4 months.	Rs. 2,37,36,360/-
14	**Bengaluru -** Proposed maintenance of water supply and water hydrants of all PFs and pit lines at Bengaluru station for 2 years.	Rs. 31,29,390/-
15	**Bengaluru - Mysuru Section: Sub Work- I:** Additional vent way to Bridge No. 572 at km 55/200-300 in CPT Yard - Existing 1x2.40x1.2m RCC Box. Proposed - 1 x 3.0m x 2.0m (26.11m barrel) RCC box by launching method in Assistant Divisional Engineer /Mandya Sub Division. **Sub Work- II**: Proposed fixing of sign boards on approaches of Bridges (29 Nos) Br. No. 448dn, 583dn, 610up, 627up&dn of Bengaluru-Mysuru Section = 5 Bridges. Maintenance period is 6 months.	Rs. 1,63,37,832/-
16	**Bengaluru - Mysuru Section: Sub Work- I**: Strengthening of Bank by providing standard width in isolated location from 46/400 to 99/000 in UP and DOWN line. **Sub Work- II**: TTR of existing 1 in 12 curved switch with TWS and weldable CMS Crossings - 8 Nos at Mandya and Hanakere yard. **Sub Work- III**: Bengaluru - Mysuru section: Replacement of overaged SEJ with PSC improved SEJ -52kg from km 72/300-100/900 - Total 16 Nos in Assistant Divisional Engineer /Mandya Section. Maintenance period is 6 months or one monsoon period whichever is later. (Composite work).	Rs. 1,06,91,375/-
17	**Bengaluru - Mysuru Section: Sub Work- I**: Provision of STP tank of 50 KLD capacity at Kengeri (KGI) Station. **Sub Work- II**: Hejjala IRIDM - Proposed construction of boundary wall between km 19/400 to 20/400 at Hejjala IRIDM along the demonstration track for 140 tonne crane. Maintenance period is 24 months. (Composite work)	Rs. 3,38,24,934/-
18	**Bengaluru - Jolarpettai Section:** Provision of safety fencing with W-Beam metal barriers for a length of 79.7 Kms in Bangarpet - Jolarpettai (BWT-JTJ) section in connection with the work of SBC-JTJ - increasing sectional speed from 110 kmph to 130 kmph. (Total 120 Kms length). Maintenance period is 12 months.	Rs. 30,90,46,508/-
19	**Bengaluru - Jolarpettai Section:** Provision of safety fencing with W-Beam metal barriers for a length of 40.3 Kms in Whitefield - Bangarpet (WFD-BWT) section in connection with the work of SBC-JTJ - increasing sectional speed from 110 kmph to 130 kmph. (Total 120 Kms length). Maintenance period is 12 months.	Rs. 15,62,61,871/-
20	**Bengaluru-Jolarpettai Section:** Proposed provision of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) tank of 25 KLD capacity at Kuppam colony in Assistant Divisional Engineer/Bangarpet subdivision. Maintenance period is 12 months.	Rs. 90,83,523/-

Last date for submission of bids:**Upto 15:00 Hrs. on 29-04-2024**

For details log on: www.ireps.gov.in

PUB/09/AAD/PRB/SWR/2024-25 **Senior Divisional Engineer /Co-Ordination/Bengaluru**

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E-AUCTION SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of immovable Assets under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to rule 8 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rule, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/ charged to the Secured Creditor, the symbolic possession of which has been taken by the Authorised officer of **Union Bank of India** (secured Creditor) will be sold on **"As is where is", "As is what is" and "Whatever there is basis"** on the date mentioned below, for recovery of dues as mentioned hereunder to Union bank of India from the below mentioned Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s). The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit are also mentioned hereunder.

Mylanayakana Hosahalli Branch, Bevoor Road, Opposite Govt Middle School, Mylanayakanahosahalli Village, Channapatna Taluk, Ramanagara District-562160. Contact no: - 918928918812, Mail Id: ubin0918814@unionbankofindia.bank

1. Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) Mrs. Gowramma W/o Nanjegowda, Thoutanahalli, H-Mogenhalli Post, Channapatan Tq, Ramangara-562108.
(2) Mr. Nanjegowda S/o Kenchegowda, Thoutanahalli , H-Mogenhalli Post, Channapatna Tq, Ramanagara-562108
(3) Mr. Vishkantaiah T N, S/o Nanjegowda, Thoutanahalli, H-Mogenahalli Post, Channapatna Tq, Ramanagara – 562108
(4) Mr. Chandan T N, S/o Nanjegowda, Thoutanahalli, H-Mogenahalli Post, H-Mogenahalli Post, Channapatna Tq, Ramanagara – 562108
Amount due : Rs. 13,61,971-00 as on 31/01/2024 with further interest, cost & expenses
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All the part and parcel of the Residential house in the name of Mr. Nanjegowda & Gowramma. bearing Katha no. 37/36, Unique no 152900100800700040, Thowtanahalli Village, Byadarahalli Gramapanchayath, Maluru Hobli, Channapatna Tq, Ramanagara. Measuring East-West: 20ft, North-South: 33ft Total 660 sqft, bounded by East: 6 ft passage, West: 2ft passage, North: Own property & then 20 CC Road, South: Private Property.

Reserve Price : Rs. 16,21,000-00 (Rupees Sixteen Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 1,63,000/- (Rupees One Lakhs Sixty Three Thousand Only)

2. Name and address of the Borrower, Co-Applicant and Guarantor: (1) Mr. Biligowda S/o Ankaiah, Byranayakanahalli Village, Bevoor Post, Channapatna Tq, Ramanagara-562108.
(2) Mr. Pruthviraj S/o Biligowda, Byranayakanahalli Village, Bevoor Post, Channapatna Tq, Ramanagara-562108.
(3) Mrs. Prema, W/o Biligowda, Byranayakanahalli Village, Bevoor Post, Channapatna Tq, Ramanagara Dist.
Amount due :Rs. 13,27,998-00 as on 31/01/2024 with further interest, cost & expenses.
Description of immovable secured assets to be Sold: All the part and parcel of the Residential house in the name of Mr. Prithiviraj N.B. bearing Sy No. 39/6, Property No. 156/39/8, Unique No. 152900100400120013, Byranayakanahalli Village, Bevoor Gramapanchyath, Maluru Hobli, Channapatana Tq, Ramanagara Dist. Measuring East-West: 40 ft, North-South: 30ft, Total 1200 sqft.bounded by East:10ft Mud Road, West: Private Property, North: 40ft own property & then 25ft cc road, South: Private Property.

Reserve Price : Rs. 18,21,000-00 (Rupees Eighteen Lakhs Twenty One Thousand Only)
Earnest Money to be Deposited: Rs. 1,83,000/- (Rupees One Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Only)

Date and time of E-Auction:Date : 30.04.2024 12.00 NOON to 5.00 PM
(with 10 min unlimited auto extensions)
Last date for submission of EMD : 29.04.2024.
E-auction website: www.mstcecommerce.com

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale and registration and login and bidding rules visit : please refer to the link provided https://www.mstcecommerce.com /auctionhome/ibapi/index.jsp, https://www.unionbankofindia.co.in//english/TendelViewAllAuction.aspx

Place: Mysore Sd/- Authorised Officer
Date: 12.04.2024 Union Bank of India

ADITYA BIRLA CAPITAL **ADITYA BIRLA HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED**

Registered Office: Indian Rayon Compound, Veraval, Gujarat 362266
Branch Office: Star Avenue, No.1(78), 3rd Floor, 6th Cross Street, Victoria Layout, Victoria Road, Beside Vijaya Bank, Bangalore- 560025

Contact No: 1. ABHFL: Authorized Officer Mr. Ravi Kumar Yadav, Contact No: 917899965229 Chirag Lokhande Contact No.: 919773758208
2. Auction Service Provider (ASP):- M/s. Globe Tech Infosystems Private Limited - Mr. Samir Chakravorty

SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Asset(s) under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.
Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor, the possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor, will be put to sale by auction on **"As is where is", "As is what is", and "Whatever there is" on 30-04-2024, for recovery of Rs. 2,93,75,968.21/- (Rupees Two Crore Ninety Three Lakh Seventy Five Thousand Nine Hundred Sixty Eight and Twenty One Paise Only) as on 10-02-2023** and further interest and other expenses thereon till the date of realization, due to Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor from the Borrowers namely **Sunil Muniraj, Madhuravani Sunil , Sagacious Infosystems Pvt. Ltd.**
The reserve price will be **Rs. 2,50,00,000/- (Rupees Two Crores Fifty Lacs Only)** and the Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) will **Rs. 25,00,000/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lacs Only).** The last date of EMD deposit is **29-04-2024.** The date for inspection of the said property is fixed **on 26-04-2024 between 11:00 am to 04:00 pm.**

DESCRIPTION OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY

All That Piece And Parcel Of Vphl No. 1527, Bbmp Katha No.152/7 Formed In The Land Bearing Sy.No. 118, Measuring 1 Acre 39 Guntas, Sitatuted At Horamavu Village, Ward No. 25, K.R. Puram, Hobli Banglore East Taluk, Bangalore, Karnataka – 560043, Admeasuring 4912.5 Sq. Ft., And **Bounded As: North:** Road **South:** 30 Ft. Road **East:** Road **West:** Site No.68, House No.1534

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale, please refer to the link provided in Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited/Secured Creditor's website i.e. https://homefinance.adityabirlacapital.com/properties-for-auction-under-sarfaesi-act or https://BestAuctionDeal.com

Date:- 13-04-2024 Sd/- Authorized Officer
Place: BANGALORE Aditya Birla Housing Finance Limited

PUBLIC NOTICE

ICICI Bank **Branch Office:** ICICI Bank Ltd. 4/10, Mythree Tower, Bommanhalli Hosur Main Road Bangalore- 560068

The following borrower/s have defaulted in the repayment of principal and interest of the loans facility obtained by them from the Bank and the loans have been classified as Non-Performing Assets (NPA). A notice was issued to them under Section 13 (2) of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act-2002 on their last known addresses, however it was not served and hence they are hereby notified by way of this public notice.

Sr. No.	Name of the Borrower/ Co-Borrower/ Guarantor/ (Loan Account Number) & Address	Property Address of Secured Asset/ Asset to be Enforced	Date of Notice Sent/ Outstanding as on Date of Notice	NPA Date
1.	Sri Saraswathi Jewellers Represented by Partners Vijaykumar Chavan & Ajay Chavan, Arun Kumar, Ajay V Chavan & B S Arunkumar/ No F-15, Factory Building Kalamma Temple Street Nagarapet, Karnataka Bengaluru- 560002/ 656005600877.	Property 1 All The Piece and Parcel of Southern Portion of Property Bearing Sile No.1 Assessment (Sy No.21/1, Katha No.22/1-21/1, Previously Situated At Kavelbyrasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk, Bangalore Presently Situated At Door No.3341 Nagamma Layout Main Road, Kb Sandra, Rt Nagar Post, Measuring East to West 47 Feet and North To South 40 Feet And Adjoining West Northern Side East to West 29 Feet and North To South 24 Feet, Totally Measuring 2576 Sq.ft, And Bounded on The East By : Road; West By : Private Property; North By : Remaining Portion of Same Property Sy. No.21/1; South By : Road; Together With A Building Constructed Thereon" Property 2 Item No.1 "all That Piece and Parcel of Property Bearing Corner Site No.95, Katha No.24/95, BBMP Property No.24/95, Situated At Geddalahalli Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Measuring East to West 28 Feet and North to South 28 Feet, In All Measuring 784 Sq.ft, And Bounded on The: East By: Road; West By: Site No.95/a North By: 8 Feet Road; South By: Vendors Property; Item No.2 "all That Piece And Parcel of Property Bearing Site No.95/a, Katha No.24/95/A, Situated At Geddalahalli Village, Krishnarajapuram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Measuring East to West 28 Feet and North to South 28 Feet, In All Measuring 784 Sq.ft, And Bounded on The: East By: Site No.95; West By: Vendors Property; North By: 8 Feet Road; South By: Vendors Property; Together With A Building Constructed Thereon".	March 27, 2024 Rs. 8543776.00	25/02/ 2024

The steps are being taken for substituted service of notice. The above borrower/s and/or their guarantors (as applicable) are advised to make the payments of outstanding within period of 60 days from the date of publication of this notice else further steps will be taken as per the provisions of Securitisation and Re-construction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

Date : April 12, 2024 **Authorized Officer**
Place : Bangalore **ICICI Bank Limited**

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2nd Auction date & Time : 27.04.2024 ,10.00 AM Auction centre : Door No: 5292/5015 in the First Floor of the Appa Amma building, Opposite Junior College Bangalore, Hosur Main Road, Above Axis Bank, Malur, Kolar, 563130 (Kolar District) MALUR 202303690100111 202303690100642 202303690100649 202303690100653 202303690100659 202303690100660 202303690100667 202303690100670 202303690100672 202303690100675202303690100676202303690100677202303690100678202303690100680 202303690100684 202303690100685 202303690100691 202303690100692 202303690100695 202303690100698 202303690100705 202303690100708 202303690100711 202303690100712 202303690100713202303690100714202303690100719202303690100720 202303690100724 202303690100725 202303690100732 202303690100734 202303690100735 202303690100754 202303690100767 202303690100768 202303690100778 202303690100780 202303690100786 202303690100794202303690100797202303690100798 202303690100801 202303690100803 202303690100807 202303690100808 202303690100810 202303690100813 202303690100818 202303690100820 202303690100823 202303690100499 202303690100507 202303690100508 202303690100500202303690100509 202303690100539 202303690100511 202303690100546 202303690100554 202303690100517.

2nd Auction date & Time : 25.04.2024 ,10.00 AM Auction centre : Door No: First Floor, Building No.1153/3 AMM Arcade, BB Road, Chikkaballapur, Bengaluru, 562101 (Chikkaballapur District) CHIKKABALLAPUR 202304090100420202304090100422202304090100425 202304090100432 202304090100434 202304090100443 202304090100445 202304090100447 202304090100455 202304090100463 202304090100465 202304090100466202304090100467202304090100468202304090100469202304090100470202304090100473202304090100483 202304090100485 202304090100486 202304090100487 202304090100488 202304090100491 202304090100494 202304090100498 202304090100508 202304090100518202304090100520202304090100521202304090100522202304090100523202304090100526 202304090100536 202304090100543 202304090100550 202304090100551 202304090100553 202304090100557 202304090100559 202304090100560 202304090100569 202304090100579202304090100336.

2nd Auction date & Time : 23.04.2024 ,10.00 AM Auction centre : Door No: 3156/1035 in the First Floor, Aryan High School Association, (R) J.C Road Tumkur, Tumkur District, Karnataka-572101 (Tumkur District) TUMKUR JC ROAD 202306160100206 202306160100273 202306160100282 202306160100287 202306160100290 202306160100293 202306160100294 202306160100296 202306160100298 202306160100300 202306160100317202306160100008202306160100014202306160100022 202306160100021 202306160100043 202306160100044 202306160100046 202306160100047 202306160100048 202306160100054 202306160100064 202306160100071 TAVAREKERE 202304980100177 202304980100188202304980100204202304980100215202304980100216202304980100222202304980100223 202304980100224 202304980100225 202304980100228 202304980100250 202304980100251 202304980100257 202304980100129 202304980100134.

2nd Auction date & Time : 24.04.2024 ,10.00 AM Auction centre : Door No: 1242/1998/1508, First Floor, Hanuman Complex, Opposite Industrial Town, Nearby KSRTC Bus Stop, BM Road, Ramanagara, 562159 (Ramanagara District) RAMANAGARA 202303580100237 202303580100445 202303580100494 202303580100582 202303580100601 202303580100850 202303580100914 202303580100916 202303580100917 202303580100918 202303580100924 202303580100925 202303580100927 202303580100934 202303580100936 202303580100939 202303580100942 202303580100530 202303580100564 202303580100519 202303580100469 202303580100620 202303580100607.

केनरा बैंक Canara Bank

JAYANAGAR 3RD BLOCK Branch, No.69, 9th Main, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore (Ph. No:9449860018) e-mail id:cb10409@canarabank.com

SALE NOTICE

E-Auction Sale Notice for Sale of Immovable Properties under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with provision to Rule 8 (6) and 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower (s) and Guarantor (s) that the below described immovable property mortgaged/charged to the Secured Creditor, the constructive possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of **JAYANAGER 3RD BLOCK BRANCH** of the Canara Bank., will be sold on "As is where is", "As is what is", and " Whatever there is" **on 30.04.2024** for recovery of **Rs.1,32,73,310.47/-** (Rupees One Crore Thirty Two Lakhs Seventy Three Thousand Three Hundred and Ten Rupees and Forty Seven Paisa Only) plus interest as on 12.04.2024 due to the **JAYANAGER 3RD BLOCK BRANCH**of Canara Bank from **M/s GRB Associates.**

The reserve price will be Rs.**72,00,000.00**/-(Rupees Seventy Two Lakhs only) and the earnest money deposit will be **Rs.7,20,000.00/-** (Rupees Seven Lakhs Twetnty Thousand Only). The Earnest Money Deposit shall be deposited on or before **29/04/2024 at 4:00 pm.**

EMD amount of 10% of the Reserve Price is to be deposited by way of Demand draft in favour of Authorized Officer, Canara Bank, **JAYANAGER 3RD BLOCK BRANCH** OR shall be deposited through RTGS/NEFT/Fund Transfer to credit of account of Canara Bank, **JAYANAGER 3RD BLOCK BRANCH, A/c No. 209272946 IFSC Code: CNRB0010409** on or before 29/04/2024, 4:00 PM.

Details and full description of the immovable property with known encumbrances, if any.

All the piece and parcel of the property bearing New No:18/1, Old No:278/E,PID No:9-12-18/1, measuring East to West (24ft 6 inches +29ft)/2, North to South 25 feet, situated at 8th C Main, A Block , Subramanya Nagar, Milk Colony, Rajaji Nagar 2nd Stage, Bangalore and bounded on the : East by : Road, West by : House No.278/B, North by: House No.278/D, South by: House No.278/A.

For detailed terms and conditions of the sale please refer the link "E-Auction" provided in Canara Bank's website (www.canarabank.com) or may contact Chief Manager **JAYANAGER 3RD BLOCK BRANCH of** Canara Bank, No.69, 9th Main, 3rd Block, Jayanagar, Bangalore. Ph. No.080-26631598 / 9449860018 during office hours on any working day.

Place: Bangalore
Date:12.04.2024

Sd/-
Authorised Officer
Canara Bank

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Brief E-TENDER NOTICE : CORRIGENDUM-A

No:SHAR:CMG:CIVIL:MAINT:E-PT-28(A)/23-24 Dt:12.04.2024

Kindly refer to E-Public Tender-28/23-24 dt 14.03.24 **"Road revetment work along SHAR - Sullurpeta Road, SHAR" (T/C-23-110, Est. cost ₹ 84.08 Lakhs). Sale period extended up to 24.04.2024**. Interested tenderers may visit **www.isro.gov.in** or **www.tenderwizard.com/ISRO** for details.

Sd/- GROUP HEAD, CMG/SDSC SHAR

प्रेस विज्ञप्ति

सर्वसाधारण को सूचित किया जाता है कि 1– मु.अ.सं. 627/2022 धारा 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120बी भा.द.वि. थाना नानपारा जनपद बहराइच, 2–मु.अ.सं. 124/2021 धारा 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120बी भा.द.वि. थाना कोतवाली देहात जनपद बहराइच, 3– मु.अ.स. 222/2022 धारा 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120बी भा.द.वि. थाना पसगवां जिला लखीमपुर खीरी, 4–मु.अ.स. 161/2020 धारा 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120बी भा.द.वि. थाना सम्पूर्णानगर जिला लखीमपुर खीरी, 5–मु.अ.सं. 205/2022 धारा 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120बी भा.द.वि. थाना तिकोनिया लखीमपुर खीरी, 6–मु.अ.स. 306/2022 धारा 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120बी भा.द.वि. थाना देवरनिया जिला बरेली, 7–मु.अ.सं. 436/2022 धारा 409, 420, 467, 468, 471, 120बी भा.द.वि. थाना हसनपुर जिला अमरोहा के **वांछित अभियुक्त राघवेन्द्र कुमार अड्डागिरी पुत्र अड्डागिरी रामामुल्लू निवासी 3/205 छाकली स्ट्रीट कोथा चेरूबू थाना कोथा चेरूबू जिला श्री सतसाई आंध्र प्रदेश 2–श्री कुमार जयरामन पुत्र टी.एस. जयरामन निवासी 5/9 ग्राउंड फ्लोर महालिंगम स्ट्रीट महालिंगमपुरम थाना एफ 3 नुगम्बकम जिला चेन्नई 34 तमिलनाडू** के विरुद्ध मा० न्यायालय मुख्य न्यायिक मजिस्ट्रेट जनपद बहराइच उ०प्र०, मुख्य न्यायिक मजिस्ट्रेट लखीमपुर खीरी, न्यायिक मजिस्ट्रेट बहेडी जनपद बरेली और न्यायिक मजिस्ट्रेट हसनपुर जनपद अमरोहा उ.प्र. के द्वारा मा० न्यायालय के समक्ष उपस्थित होने हेतु 82 सीआरपीसी का उद्घोषणा आदेश निर्गत किया गया है। उपरोक्त अभियुक्तगण उक्त सम्बन्धित न्यायालयों के समक्ष दिनाक 18.04.2024 से पूर्व समय से उपस्थित होना सुनिश्चित करें।

पुलिस अधीक्षक
आर्थिक अपराध अनुसंधान संगठन
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Ro no. 205672 Dt - 12/04/2024
Website - www.up.gov.in

SUBSTITUTED SERVICE
IN THE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL - III AT CHENNAI

I.A.No.1543 OF 2023 IN O.A. NO. 290 OF 2022

State Bank of India, RACPC Tambaram Branch,
Satheesh Paradise, First Floor, No.388,
Velachery Main Road, Selaiyur, Chennai-600 073.
Represented by its Chief Manager.
...Petitioner / Applicant

Vs

1. **B.Kalatharan**
2. **RJ Rishikaran Projects Private Limited Represented by its Managing Director.**

.... Respondents/ Defendants

To,

1. **B.Kalatharan S/o Balachandran**, 5/153, Gopal Market, Madipakkam, Chennai-600091.
2. **RJ Rishikaran Projects Private Limited** 21/6, Ground Floor, Craig Park Layout, MG Road, Bangalore - 560001 Represented by its Managing Director.

Take notice that in the above petition filed against you for interim injunction restraining you from alienating the schedule property pending disposal of the OA, notice returnable by **30.04.2024** has been ordered by the Hon'ble Debts Recovery Tribunal - III, Chennai 600 006.

Therefore please be present before the **Debts Recovery Tribunal - III, 6th Floor, Additional Office Building, Shastri Bhawan, Haddows Road, Nungambakkam, Chennai - 600 006 on 30.04.2024 at 11.00 a.m.** either in person or through a duly instructed advocate failing which the matter will be heard and decided in your absence.

SCHEDULE

All that duplex unit of a super built up area of 3080 square feet and garden rights of 1227 square feet bearing No.C-102 in 'C' North Corner Block, RJ Brooke Square, together with an undivided share of an area of 1622.88 square feet out of the land of an area of 87,900 square feet comprised in Survey No.109, 102 and 85 of Kundalahalli Village, KR Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, Karnataka, bound on the North by Vandana Golden Spring and B.M.Sharma Apartments, South by Road, East by Rohan Ashima Apartments and West by Road.

Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal this 06th day of April, 2024.

Sd/-
Registar
Debts Recovery Tribunal-III, Chennai

Government of Karnataka
Karnataka Monitoring and Evaluation Authority

542, 5th Floor, 2nd Stage, Multistoried Building
Bangalore 560 001. Tel : 080-22353938, 22032561
E-mail : kmeagok@karnataka.gov.in,
Website : www.kmea.karnataka.gov.in

KMEA 18 PROC 2023 **10/04/2024**

NOTIFICATION-2nd Call

Karnataka Monitoring and Evaluation Authority (KMEA) is an established Society under Karnataka Societies Registration Act, 1960 under the Planning, Programme Monitoring and Statistics Department, Government of Karnataka. It is involved in the evaluation of various Government schemes and hereby offering useful insights to departments about programme implementation and usefulness of the schemes.

KMEA invites applications from competent and qualified persons to work as Research Fellows on contract basis for a consolidated pay of Rs.47900 per month for an initial period of one year i.e. training period, extendable up to three years based on performance and learning.

Qualification: 1. Ph.D. in Humanities (Social Work, Sociology & Economics), 2. Ph.D. in Natural Sciences/ Agriculture and Allied sector, 3. Ph.D. in Education, 4. Ph.D. in Gender studies/Public health, 5. Ph.D. in Rural Development/Law, 6. Ph.D. in Statistics, 7. Ph.D. in Applied Sciences (Civil Engineering/ Water Resources/ Hydrology or related subjects).

Desirable Qualification: Candidates with computer knowledge, typing skills, knowledge of reading and writing Kannada will be preferred.

No. of Posts: Seven (One in each sector).

The last date for application is extended to 30/04/2024.

For further details and application form visit KMEA website https://kmea.karnataka.gov.in

Sd/-
Chief Evaluation Officer
DIPR/CP/16/AKAR/2024-25 **Karnataka Monitoring and Evaluation Authority.**

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Branch: #51, HDFC House, Kasturba Road, Bangalore 560 001
Tel:-080-41183000 CIN L65920MH1994PLC080618 Website: www.hdfcbank.com

DEMAND NOTICE

Under Section 13 (2) of the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 (Act) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Whereas the undersigned being the Authorised Officer of **HDFC Bank Limited** (erstwhile HDFC Limited having amalgamated with HDFC Bank Limited by virtue of a Scheme of Amalgamation approved by Hon'ble NCLT-Mumbai vide order dated 17th March 2023) **(HDFC)** under Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement Of Security Interest Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers conferred under Section13 (12) read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002, issued Demand Notices under Section 13 (2) of the said Act, calling upon the Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) listed hereunder, to pay the amounts mentioned in the respective Demand Notice/s, within 60 days from the date of the respective Notice/s, as per details given below. The undersigned have, caused these Notices to be pasted on the premises of the last known respective addresses of the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s). Copies of the said Notices are available with the undersigned, and the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s), may, if they so desire, collect the respective copy from the undersigned on any working day during normal office hours.

In connection with the above, Notice is hereby given, once again, to the said Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) to pay to **HDFC,** within 60 days from the date of publication of this Notice, the amounts indicated herein below in their respective names, together with further interest @ 18% p.a. as detailed in the said Demand Notices from the respective dates mentioned below in column (c) till the date of payment and / or realization, read with the loan agreement and other documents/writings, if any, executed by the said Borrower(s). As security for due repayment of the loan, the following Secured Asset(s) have been mortgaged to **HDFC** by the said Borrower (s) respectively.

Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) attention is invited to the provisions of sub-section (8) of section 13 of the Act, in respect of time available to redeem the secured asset/s.

Sr. No.	Name of Borrower(s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative (s)	Total Outstanding Dues	Date of Demand Notice	Description of Secured Asset in respect of which Security Interest has been created
(a)	(b)	c	(d)	(f)
1	1. **Mrs. Vimala,** Mother of **Mr. Anjani Kumar (Borrower)** [since deceased], Daughter in Law of **Mrs. Neha Singh (Co-Borrower)** [since deceased], **2.Mr. Ashwani Kumar,** Brother of **Mr. Anjani Kumar (Borrower)** [since deceased], Sister in Law of **Mrs. Neha Singh (Co-Borrower)** [since deceased] **3.And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s),** of **Mr. Anjani Kumar (Borrower)** [since deceased] **Mrs. Neha Singh (Co-Borrower)** [since deceased] Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of **Mr. Anjani Kumar (Borrower)** [since deceased], Successors and Assigns of **Mrs. Neha Singh (Co-Borrower)** [since deceased], **All are residing at:** House No 20/37, Sarakkikere,15th Main, 17th E Cross, JP Nagar Phase 5th, J P Nagar, Bengaluru 560078. **Also at:** LIG 355, Jarauli Phase 2, Barra, Kanpur, Uttar Pradesh 208027. **Also at:** Apartment-318, 3rd Floor, DS Max Skylish Apartment, Medahalli Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru 562125.	**Loan Account No 1) 638409308 Rs.23,37,777/- 2) 638924589 Rs. 88,105/- 3) 639757071 Rs. 1,30,842/- Total Amount Rs.25,56,724/- (Rupees Twenty Five Lakh Fifty Six Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Four Only) as on 29.02.2024**	**30.03.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.11.2023**	**Schedule "A" Property:** All that piece and parcel of undeveloped converted land property bearing **Survey No.20, New Sy No. 20/2,** which measuring 3 acre, situated at S Medahalli village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, Bangalore, in vide; Conversion Order Dated 04/03/2013, in Order No.ALN(A)(SH) SR235/2012-13, for residential use, issued by Deputy Commission, Bangalore District, Bangalore and whereas all that piece and parcel of guntas situated at S Medahalli Village, **Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District,** Bangalore in vide; Conversion Order No. ALN(A)(SH)SR155/2010-11, issued by Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, Bangalore, which totally measuring to an extent of 3 acre 16 guntas, and bounded on : **East by :** Private Property, **West by :** Road, **North by :** Adigera Kallahalli Road, **South by:** Private Property. **Schedule "B" Property:** An undivided share in the land of the Schedule "A" Property equivalent to **429 Sq.Ft.,** with all right, title and interest and ownership of the land in the total land of Schedule "A" Property. **Schedule "C" Property:** Flat bearing **No.318 in Third Floor,** measuring **1124 Sqft., of super built up area,** constructed over the Schedule A Property containing **2 Bed room,** Kitchen, Dining, Toilet/s, Living Room, with **one car parking bearing No.318** in the Apartment Known as **"DS-MAX SKYLISH",** together with an undivided share, right, title and interest of land as specified in Schedule 'B' Property referred to above, along with water and electricity together with common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use .
2	**1) Mrs. Priyanka B R** Wife of **Mr. B A Nithin (Borrower)** [since deceased], **2) Kumari Mishti B N,** Daughter of **Mr. B A Nithin (Borrower)** [since deceased], Represented by Natural Guardian Mrs. Priyanka B R, **3) Mrs. Shobitha B A,** Mother of **Mr. B A Nithin (Borrower)** [since deceased], **4) Mr. B S Anand Rao,** Father of **Mr. B A Nithin (Borrower)** [since deceased],**5) And other known and unknown Legal Heir(s)** of **Mr. B A Nithin (Borrower)** [since deceased], **All are residing at:** Legal Heir(s), Legal Representative(s), Successors and Assigns of Mr. B A Nithin, No 31, 3rd Floor, 2B Cross 29th Main, BTM 1st Stage, S D S Sanitorim, Bengaluru 560029. **Also at:** Betoli Village, Virajapet Taluk, Betoli Post, Kodagu 571218. **Also at:** Flat 302, Floor 3, Gaana Regent (A, C & D), Channasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Tq, Bengaluru 560050.	**Loan Account No 1) 648225677 Rs.25,80,179/- 2) 650305924 Rs.1,33,690/- Total Amount Rs.27,13,869/- (Rupees Twenty Seven Lakh Thirteen Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixty Nine Only) as on 29.02.2024**	**30.03.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.12.2023**	**Schedule -A:** All that piece and parcel of the immoveable property bearing **CMC Khatha No.777** of Rajarajeshwarinagar, Earlier being residentially converted land comprised in Survey No. 19/5 of Channasandra Village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk (vide Official Memorandum under Ref: No.B.DIS.ALN.SR(S) 617/2004-05, dated 31.01.2005, issued by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District, measuring to an extent of Acres 00=35 Guntas or 38115 Sq.ft., presently under the BBMP Limits and bounded on: **East by :** Road / Oni, **West by :** Land in Survey No.19/6, **North by :** Land in Survey No.19/4, **South by :** Land in Survey No. 19/6. **Schedule -B: 1.016%** the undivided share, right, title and interest and ownership equivalent to **387.24 sq.ft.** in the land comprised in the Schedule A Property. **Schedule -C:** All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing **No. B- 302,** situated at Third Floor in Multi Storied Apartment building known as **"GAANA REGENT"** constructed on Schedule A Property and Apartment measuring **882.58 Sq.ft. of Super Built up area** with proportionate share in common area like landscaped gardens etc., together with an **Open Car Parking in the basement floor,** Presently under the BBMP Limits with Khatha Sl.No. 84, The Flooring of the Flat is Vetrified Tiles and bounded on: **East by :** Flat No. B-301, **West by:** Block - D, **North by :** Block-A, **South by :** Flat No. B-303.
3	**Mr. B Shivakumar (Borrower),** Intergrity Tele Networks Pvt Ltd, **Designation:** Director, No.303, Ground Floor, 10th Cross F Block, Sahakara Nagar, Sahakaranagar P.O, Bengaluru 560092. **Mr. B Shivakumar (Borrower), Mrs. P Sowmya (Co-Borrower), Both are residing at:** No.46, 1st Cross, Atur Main Road, Escorts Engineers Layout, Opp to Om Shakthi Temple, Bengaluru-560064.	**Loan Account No 1) 637805178: Rs.16,93,493/- 2) 637805491: Rs.59,75,795/- 3) 639191329: Rs.80,812/- Total Amount: Rs.77,50,100/- (Rupees Seventy Seven Lakh Fifty Thousand One Hundred Only) as on 29.02.2024**	**30.03.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.11.2023**	All that part and parcel of Khatha **No. 34/2/46, Site No. 46** situated at Attooru Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk measuring East to West 30 feet, North to South 40 feet, **totally measuring 1200 Square feet** and bounded on the: **East by :** Site No.45, **West by :** 25 feet Road, **North by :** 25 feet Road, **South by :** Site No.60. And any construction thereon present and future.
4	**Mr. Pralhad Katti (Borrower)** C/o H.S.Patil, CTS No 6730, 9th Sector, Nandini Marg, Anjaneya nagar, Belgaum 590006. **Also at:** No 1401, Red Hawk Circle, Apt No N207, Fremont California City, USA. **Also at:** Cisco Systems, Inc. **Designation:** MGR Software Dev Eng, **Department:** DSSTG, **Employee No:** 144547, No.170, West Tasman Drive, San Jose, California, USA. **Also at:** No 307, 3rd Floor, Block B, Water Ville - Sy No 37/2 & 37/3, Ramagondanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bengaluru 560087.	**Loan Account No 368928584 Rs.54,99,492/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Ninety Nine Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Two Only) as on 29.02.2024**	**30.03.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 04.12.2023**	Residential Apartment bearing **No. 307,** situated on the **Third Floor of Block 'B',** in the Building known as **"WATERVILLE",** having a **super built up area of 2247 Sq.ft** (which is inclusive of the floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in common areas) along with 1919 square feet right to use the private terrace over the apartment and **two car parking spaces Nos. 29 and 29A** in the basement and 650/76,230 Sq.ft of Undivided share, right, title and interest on the land bearing Survey No's 37/2 and 37/3, situated at Ramagondanahalli Village, Varthur Hobli, Bnagalore South Taluk, presently in Bangalore East Taluk. Bangalore.
5	**Mrs. K Swathi (Borrower),** No 08, 2nd Cross, 4th A Main, Chandramma Layout, Banaswadi, Bengaluru 560043. **Also at:** No 10-186, Maruthi Nagar, M R Palli, Chittoor H O, Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh 517001. **Also at:** Arvind Lifestyle Brands Limited, **Designation:** Asst Manager, **Department:** Finance, **Employee No:** 7602179, Du PARC, Trinity, 8th Floor, 17, M G Road, Bengaluru 560001. **Also at:** Flat-103, 1st Floor, Sai Teja Garden Apartment, Plot B-18 & B-19, Kodigehalli Vilalge, K R Puram, Bengaluru 560036. **Mr. C Ramachandra (Co-Borrower)** No 08, 2nd Cross, 4th A Main, Chandramma Layout, Banaswadi, Bengaluru 560043. **Also at:** NSPIRA Management Services Private Limited, **Designation:** AGM, **Department:** Office, **Employee No.:** 590500069, Narayana College Building, ITPL Main Road, Kundalahalli, Doddanekkundi, Bengaluru 560037. **Mr. C Ramachandra** S/o C Vemanna, # 103 Sai Teja Gardena Apartment, 7th Cross, Alpha Garden Kodigehalli, Bangalore North, Krisnaraja puram, Bengaluru 560036.	**Loan Account No 1) 634854038 Rs.41,18,285/- 2) 634854193 Rs. 7,75,913/- 3) 635821951 Rs. 1,44,913/- Total Amount Rs.50,39,111/- (Rupees Fifty Lakh Thirty Nine Thousand One Hundred and Eleven Only) as on 29.02.2024**	**30.03.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.02.2024**	**Schedule- A:** All that piece and parcel of property bearing **Site No.B-18 & B-19,** old House list Katha No.92/39 & 92/40, present BBMP Katha Nos.66 & 67, situated at Kodigehalli Village, K R Puram Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West 124.7 feet and North to South 78.65 feet, **totally measuring 9800 Sq. feet,** and bounded on: **East by :** Site No. B-17, **West by :** Road, North by: Road, South by : Site No. B-38 & B-39. **Schedule- B: 350 Sq. Feet** undivided interest in the immovable property mentioned in Schedule 1 above. **Schedule- C:** Apartment bearing **No.103,** in the First Floor measuring **1390 Sq.feet Super Built up Area,** containing three bed rooms, and **one covered Car Parking Space,** including proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, staircase, contined in the multistoried building to be constructed on the Schedule 1 Property known as **"SAI TEJA GARDEN".**
6	**1) Mrs. Singh Pooja (Borrower) 2) Mr. Singh Vimal (Co-borrower)** C/o T Lokesh Reddy, **Both are residing at:** No.06, Harish Reddy Building, Munireddy Layout, Hennagara Gate, Anekal Taluk, Bommasandra Industrial Estate, Near Jockey Garments, Bengaluru 560099. **Also at:** Excellent Security and Manpower Services, **Designation:** Proprietor, 409/410, Behind Vijaya Bank, Hosur Main, Bommasandra Industrial Estate, Bengaluru 560099. **Also at:** Flat-106, 1st Floor, Block-11, VBHC Vaibhava - All Blocks, Byagadadenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru 562120. **Mr. Singh Vimal (Co-Borrower),** No.14, Krishna Reddy Building, Munireddy Layout, Hennagara Gate, Bommasandra Industrial Estate, Near Tarijama Filters, Bengaluru 560099.	**Loan Account No 634527952 Rs.18,42,487/- 635884059 Rs. 50,975/- Total Amount Rs.18,93,462/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Ninety Three Thousand Four Hundred and Sixty Two Only) as on 29.02.2024**	**30.03.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 06.05.2023**	All that piece and parcel of the residential apartment bearing **No.106,** in the **First Floor,** in Block No.11, Khata No.1428/11/106 E Khatha No. 150200101300721173 of the building known as **"VBHC VAIBHAVA",** having a **super built up area of 620 Sq. feet** with **one covered car parking space** with proportionate share of 308 sq. feet of undivided share, right title and interest in the land bearing Sy No.9/1A, 9/1B, 9/2,10/1, 93, 93, 93, 95/1, 95/2, 95/2, 95/2, 8, 9/3 & 10/2, and Presently bearing Gram Panchayath (Khatha), situated at Byagadadenahalli Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore. and bounded on : **East by:** Flat No.105, **West by:** Road, **North by:** Flat No.105, **South by:** Road.
7	**Mr. Vineet Bharadwaj (Borrower),** Neev Systems Private Limited, **Designation:** Software Engineer, **Department:** IT, **Employee No:** 40026152, D Client Place Wipro Technologies 701234, Keonics Electroni City, Bengaluru-560100. **Mr. Vineet Bharadwaj (Borrower), Mrs. Nivedita Jha (Co-Borrower), Both are residing at:** Flat No 101, Reliable Green Fields Apartment, Kudlu, Harlur Road, Bengaluru 560068. **Also at:** Flat-310, 3rd Floor, Sai Poorna Luxuria Apartment, Haralakunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bengaluru 560102.	**Loan Account No 1) 640086528 Rs.57,18,356/- 2) 640566426 Rs.8,69,691/- Total Amount: Rs.65,88,047/- (Rupees Sixty Five Lakh Eighty Eight Thousand Forty Seven Only) as on 29.02.2024**	**30.03.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.01.2024**	**Schedule A:** All that pieces and parcel of immovable converted property bearing Survey No. **32/10** measuring two acres three guntas with two guntas kharab of Haralakunte Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, converted to residential use by the Special Deputy Commissioner, Bengaluru vide order bearing No. BDS ALN SR (S) 403/2004-05 dated 26/10/2004 and now the Property within the jurisdiction of BBMP Ward No. 190 Bangalore, BBMP Khata No.947/32/10 and bounded on: **East by :** Property of Smt Sarojamma wife of Dhanjaya Reddy, **West by:** Property of Abbappa Alias Muniyappa / Prithviraj, **North by :** Property of Kumar, Mohan and Devendra, **South by :** Road. **Schedule B: 347 square feet** undivided right, title and interest in Schedule A Property along with residential **Flat No.310** on the **Third Floor 3 BHK, Block B** in the building known as **'SAI POORNA LUXURIA'** constructed on the Schedule 'A' property having a **super build-up of 1508 square feet** (which is inclusive of the Vitrified floors, ceiling and walls between the apartments and proportionate share in all common area) together with **Single covered car parking in the basement.**
8	**Mr. H S Vinod Kumar (Borrower),** No:80/1, Balakrishna Reddy House, Hongasandra Begur Main Road, Hongasandra, Bengaluru 56006. **Also at:** Titan Company Limited, **Designation:** Senior Style Consultant, **Department:** PEW 1st Floor, Hosur Main Road, Near E City, D Mart, Electronic City Phase -1, Bengaluru 560100. **Also at:** Unit-F1, Floor-1, Ittina Sarva -II, S No 105/4a, Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bengaluru 560068.	**Loan Account No 1) 651371279 Rs.22,86,493/- 2) 654226858 Rs. 97,589/- Total Amount: Rs.23,84,082/- (Rupees Twenty Three Lakh Eighty Four Thousand Eighty Two Only) as on 29.02.2024**	**30.03.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 06.05.2023**	**Schedule- A: Item No -1:** All that piece and parcel of the land together with all rights and appurtenance and easements thereof comprised. Bommanahalli CMC, Khatha **No.731,733,734,735 in Sy, No. 105/4A** (Part) of Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South taluk, in all measuring 21.5 Guntas and bounded on the: **East by** :Road, **West by:** Bommanahalli, Boundary; **North by:** Sankari Nala; **South by:** Land Belonging to M. Kumar; **Item No-2:** All that piece and parcel of the land together with all rights and appurtenance easements thereof comprised, Bommanahalli CMC, Khatha No.732 in Sy No.105/2 of Hongasandra Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, in all measuring 8.5 Guntas and bounded on the: **East by :** Road; **West by:** Bommanahalli Boundary; **North by :** Site No. 4 of 105/4A, **South by :** Private Property. **Schedule- B: 336 Sq.Ft.** of undivided share, rights, title and interest and ownership in the Schedule 'A" Property. **Schedule- C:** All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing **No.F-I, BBMP Khatha SL. No. 4746, Property NO.970/F-1/732 in First Floor in: ITTINA SARVA - II** Built in the Schedule A Property an measuring **840 Sq.ft, of Super build up area** inclusive of proportionate Share and common areas, passages lobbies, staircase And other areas, including **car parking in the basement** and in the said apartment the doors are made of Honne woods and steel windows and mosaic Flooring.
9	**Mr. Mohamed Siraj Ahmed (Borrower)** No.8, Chenna Krishnappa Street, Palace Guttahalli, Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru 560003. **Also at: M.N.Associates. Designation:** Manager, No 170/2, 1st & 2nd Floor, SJP Road Cross, Avenue Road, Bengaluru 560002. **Also at:** Flat-307, 3rd Floor, Nisarga Sarovara Apartment, Bannahalli Village, Banahalli-Bommasandra Ward, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bengaluru 560100. **Mr. Mohyiuddin Meeran (Guarantor)** No.8, Chenna Krishnappa Street, Palace Guttahalli, Aranya Bhavan, Bengaluru 560003. **Also at: M.N.Associates. Designation:** Manager, No 170/2, 1st & 2nd Floor, SJP Road Cross, Avenue Road, Bengaluru 560002.	**Loan Account No 607390709 Rs.11,25,952/- (Rupees Eleven Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty Two Only) as on 29.02.2024**	**30.03.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.11.2023**	**Schedule A:** All that piece and parcel of converted property bearing **Sy. No.49,** measuring 2 Acres 8 Guntas of land equivalent to 95832 square feet, situated at Bannahalli, Attibele Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District, converted as per Order of Special Deputy Commissioner, Bangalore District vide ref. No.BDS:ALN(A)SR:11/05-06 dated 19.04.2005 and the Plan is approved for construction of Multistoried Residential Apartments by the BMRDA vide its ref: No. BMRDA/Anekal Planning Authority/ LAO/68/05-06 dated 24.11.2007 and the entire extent of land is bounded on: **East by:** Road; **West by :** Raja Kaluve; **North by :** Jayaramreddy Property; **South by :** Ramaswamy Reddy Property. **Schedule B :** All that piece and parcel of Residential Apartment bearing **No.307 in Third Floor** in the project known as **"NISARGA SAROVARA"** built in Schedule A Property and apartment measuring **869 Sq. Feet of super built up area** approximately inclusive of balconies, utility areas and proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use with **one Car parking Space in the Basement floor** together with 287 Sq. Feet undivided share, right, title, interest and ownership in the Schedule A' Property and the apartment is bounded by: **East by:** Flat No. 306, **West by :** Corridor & Flat No. 310, **North by :** Corridor & Flat No. 304, **South by :** Flat No. 308.
10	**Mr. Radhakrishnan Pattathil (Borrower)** Flat No 302, SVK Nilayam No 10th, 19th Cross, 24th Main, J P Nagar 5th Phase, Bangalore 560078. **Also at:** Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry, **Designation:** Head Director, **Department:** Industry Body, **Employee No:** 1935, 1st Floor, Kasturiba Road, UCC Building, Bangalore 560001. **Also at:** Flat No 1106, ELM Block, Prestige Sunnyside Apartment, Kadubeesanahalli, Behind Cisco, Bellandur, Bengaluru 560103	**Loan Account No 607986701 Rs.70,64,059/- (Rupees Seventy Lakh Sixty Four Thousand Fifty Nine Only) as on 29.02.2024**	**30.03.2024** .... **N.P.A. Date: (e) 03.01.2024**	**Schedule A:** All that Immovable property forming portions of land bearing **Sy.Nos.134/1 and 134/2,** measuring 1 Acre 10 Guntas (after surrender of land to Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike), situated at Bhoganahaili Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore District, duly converted vide Official Memorandum bearing No. BDS / ALN (E) VB / SR: 57/2002-03 and No. BDS / ALN (E) VB / SR: 58/2002-03, dated 1st October 2002 and presently bearing Municipal No.238/134/2 in the records of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, situated at Bhoganahaili Village, Marathahalli Sub-Division, Bangalore and bounded as follows: **East by:** Property bearing Sy.No.133; **West by:** Road and Kadubeesanhalli Village Boundary; **North by:** Remaining portion of Survey No.134/1,earmarked for RMP Road, **South by:** Property bearing Sy.No.133; **Schedule B: 568 Sq. Feet** of undivided share, right, tittle, interest and ownership in the land in schedule A property. **Schedule C:** All that Residential Apartment bearing **No.1106** situated on **Tenth Floor of Tower-1 in PRESTIGE SUNNY SIDE-ELM"** constructed in Schedule 'A' Property and measuring 1913 Sq. Feet of super built up area, inclusive of proportionate share in common areas such as passages, lobbies, lifts, staircases and other areas of common use, with right to use **One Covered Car Parking Space** in for Basement Floor and for Apartment is bounded by: **East:**Entrance Lobby in Tenth Floor of Tower-1 In 'PRESTIGE SUNNY SIDE-ELM'; **West:**Open towards Open Space in Tower-1 in 'PRESTIGE SUNNY SIDE-ELM'; **North:**Open towards Open Space in Tower-1 in 'PRESTIGE SUNNY SIDE-ELM'; and **South:**Open towards Open Space In Tower-1 in 'PRESTIGE SUNNY SIDE-ELM. The walls are built out of Hollow Cement Brick and Cement with RCC Roofing and vitrified tile flooring. It is provided with amenities like electricity, water and sanitary connections. The panelled doors and door frames for all doors and windows are of anodized aluminium panels/UPVC.

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The said Borrower (s) / Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative(s) are prohibited under the said Act to transfer the aforesaid Secured Asset / Immovable Property, whether by way of sale, lease or otherwise without the prior written consent of **HDFC Bank Limited**. Any person who contravenes or abets contravention of the provisions of the Act or Rules made thereunder shall be liable for imprisonment and/or penalty as provided under the Act.

Date : 13.04.2024
Place: Bangalore

For HDFC Bank Ltd.
Sd/- Authorized Officer of HDFC Bank Ltd. under SARFAESI Act, 2002

World No 1 An Se-young out in last eight of Asia showpiece

World No 1 An Se-young was dumped out in the quarterfinals of the Badminton Asia Championships on Friday as the South Korean went down in straight games to China's He Bingjiao. With the home crowd in the Chinese city of Ningbo behind her, the sixth-ranked He triumphed 21-17, 21-18 to reach the last four.

Kul-deep impact in Lucknow

Coming back from a groin injury, spinner takes three as Delhi beat Super Giants by 6 wickets

GOMESH S @ Chennai

Delhi Capitals' Kuldeep Yadav (R) rejoices after dismissing Lucknow Super Giants' Nicholas Pooran (not in pic) on Friday | AP

WHEN Kuldeep Yadav said, "getting better and ready to go," during the pre-match chat with one of broadcasters on Friday, even he would not have expected it go like this against Lucknow Super Giants.

The left-arm wrist spinner has not enjoyed an easy start to the current campaign. He was at the height of his powers during the Test series against England, bowling as well as he has ever done in his career. He was able to adapt his action, load up and run-up on the go all while taking wickets right from a wrist spinner's dream.

Coming into the IPL, all he had to do was build on momentum, pile on wickets and walk into the T20 World Cup as India's first-choice spinner. In Delhi's first match of the season — against Punjab Kings — he started off well. Two wickets, 20 runs in four overs. The perfect spell from a spinner. But since then, the road has not been easy. He suffered a groin injury, and played with it against Rajasthan Royals only to aggravate it. His spell of 1/41 in four overs didn't help the team either. Kuldeep went on to miss the next three games, two of which DC lost. Although their batting was in desperate need of luck and runs, Delhi missed Kuldeep. Without him, their attack did not look the same.

Cut to Friday. When Kuldeep marked his run up against Lucknow, the scoreboard read 64/2 after seven overs. KL Rahul, very unlike him, had a rapid start and was in the middle with Marcus Stoinis. The duo were set to build on the momentum and put up a big total. In came Kuldeep, starting with a full and wide delivery which Stoinis hit for a single. For Rahul, he kept it on the stumps and the LSG captain worked it on the leg side. Now back at Stoinis, Kuldeep flighted it up a little on off-stump line, the ball dipped in front of Stoinis who miscued it to Ishant Sharma at point. His first of the day and fourth of the season.

But the battle was not over. The incoming batter was Nicholas Pooran, who can take on any kind of bowling attack. In terms of match-ups, he's good against all bowling types. And Kuldeep reserved his best for the West Indian. An 85.3KPH googly; it pitched on the fifth stump before turning into hit the off-stump; Pooran had no clue what the ball was going to do. The left-hander was out for a first ball duck.

While Deepak Hooda played the hat-trick ball safely, Kuldeep came back in the next over to get rid of the set Rahul for 39 from 22 balls. This time, Kuldeep bowled wider from around the wicket. It held its line as Rahul tried to cut it only to get a faint edge. The umpire did not give it out, but Rishabh Pant, who completed the low catch, sent it upstairs and got the desired result. Returning from an injury, all it took was nine balls to change the game in favour of Delhi. Three proven match winners back in the dressing room. Talk about making an impact. He would go on to finish the spell with 3/20 in four overs — not a single boundary scored off Kuldeep. By the time he was done, LSG were 121/7 in 16 overs. Ayush Badoni's unbeaten 55 from 35 balls took LSG to 167/7, but Kuldeep had played his part.

DC batting unit came together to ensure his efforts did not go in vain. Jake Fraser-McGurk scored a half-century on debut (55 from 35 balls), and with Pant (41) for company, put DC in a winning position. Against a team that is known for defending sub-par totals at home, Delhi fired on all cylinders to get back to winning ways. **Brief scores:** LSG 167/7 in 20 ovs (Rahul 39, Badoni 55 n.o; Khaleel 2/41, Kuldeep 3/20) lost to DC 170/4 in 18.1 ovs (Fraser-McGurk 55, Pant 41).

Royal challenge for Kings

With Punjab Kings taking on table-toppers Rajasthan Royals, a look...

Boult vs Bairstow

Trent Boult is the new-ball bowler any team would want. When he is on your side, wickets are guaranteed. Him going up against the out-of-form top-order, especially Jonny Bairstow, only gives RR the edge. Who will come out on top? We'll find out on Saturday.

What is up with Jaiswal?

When someone is on a steep climb, the fall looks all the more bad. Like it has been for Yashasvi Jaiswal. After a breakthrough year, Jaiswal has been struggling to get going this IPL season. The sooner he gets out of the slump, the better it is for him.

Parag versus Rabada

In many ways, it has been the coming-of-age season for Riyan Parag. While he has been tested by some top bowlers, the test KG Rabada poses would be different. Can Parag take the South African on and come out with flying colours?

Punjab Kings vs Rajasthan Royals, Mullanpur — Live on Star Sports and JioCinema, 7.30PM

ROAD TO PARIS

Mary steps down from CDM post citing personal reasons

INDRANEEL DAS @ Chennai

IN a dramatic turn of events, London Olympics bronze medallist MC Mary Kom has decided to step down as chef de mission of the Indian contingent for the upcoming Olympics. This development means the contingent have to find a new CDM with just over 100 days to go. The multiple Worlds gold medallist told this daily that it was a decision that was forced by some compelling issues.

Mary said that she was really thankful and grateful to the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) for considering her as the CDM but the enormity of the responsibility could be a bit too taxing for her at the moment.

"I stepped down because of some personal reasons," she said. It is understood that she is going through some challenging times of late and that has put additional pressure on her. She mentioned that it would be difficult for her to leave the family, including her children, behind.

CDM work entails liasoning between organising committee, the athletes and IOA. They also need to address any controversy arising at the Games. The person also has to look after the welfare of athletes besides attending regular meetings and Delegation Registration Meetings.

"I am really honoured and grateful to the IOA president for considering me for the post of chef de mission and am thankful for that," she said. She also wrote to IOA president: "I considered it an honour to serve my country in every way possible and I was mentally prepared for it." However, after careful consideration, she felt it would be mentally challenging during the Olympics.

"I regret to inform you that I will not be able to uphold the prestigious responsibility conferred on me as CDM for the Paris Olympics 2024, and would like to resign from the same, reasoning from the problems that have crippled me partly," she had written in the letter to Usha.

Usha, on her part, said the IOA will announce Mary's replacement soon. "We are sad that Olympic medal winning boxer and Chairperson of the IOA Athletes Commission Mary Kom has stepped down citing personal reasons. We respect her decision and her privacy," Usha said in a statement.

"I shall make the appropriate consultations and soon make an announcement about the replacement for Mary Kom. I completely understand her request and respect her decision. I have also conveyed to her that she will always have my own support and that of IOA. I also request everyone to respect the legendary boxer's privacy," said Usha in a statement.

It is understood that Mary was not agreeable to the post initially, but after Usha and sports ministry officials had a discussion, she took up the post. With tussle of power between the Executive Committee and the IOA president in the backdrop, this definitely doesn't augur well. As of now, Shiva Keshavan, the deputy CDM, would be coordinating. And London Games medallist Gagan Narang, who is in charge of the shooting venue, too is involved. The shooting event is taking place some 270km away from Paris in Chateauroux.

With EC divided, it needs to be seen who will be named the chef de mission.

EXPRESS READ

Hockey: India lose yet again to Australia

PERTH: India continued their dismal show in the crucial tour Down Under, losing 1-3 against Australia to suffer their fourth consecutive defeat in the five-match men's hockey Test series, here on Friday. It was a much-improved performance from the Indians but the Kookaburras were simply too strong. All the four goals in the match came from penalty corners.

Sathiyan-Manika lose in qualification meet

NEW DELHI: G Sathiyan and Manika Batra went down to Malaysia's Choong Javen and Lyne Karen in the quarterfinals of the World mixed doubles Olympic qualification TT meet (stage 2) in Havirov, Czech Republic. The Malaysians won 4-1 (11-9, 11-9, 11-9, 7-11, 11-8) over their opponents from India, who needed to win three matches to qualify for the Paris Games.

Akash, Anirudh lose bronze-medal bouts

BISHKEK (KYRGYZSTAN): Indian wrestlers drew a blank on the concluding day of the men's freestyle competition at the Asian Championships after Akash Dahiya (61kg) and Anirudh Kumar (125kg) lost their bronze-medal bouts and three others fizzled out before the medal round in their respective categories, here. The women's bouts will begin on Saturday.

BIG NAMES, NO SHOW

While there have been some spectacular performances from the overseas players in this edition of the IPL, a few high-profile names have been below par. A look at a few who have been subdued so far...

GLENN MAXWELL

Along with captain Faf du Plessis, Royal Challengers Bengaluru retained the all-rounder ahead of the mega auction. He was RCB's third-highest run-scorer last season, but so far the Australian has been one of the biggest disappointments. With just 32 runs and four wickets in six innings, Maxwell has struggled so far. The biggest concern for the Bengaluru think-tank is that with only one win in the competition, his lack of form is hurting them and they would want him to turn things around soon.

ANRICH NORTJE

Delhi Capitals' pacer has been on the receiving end of some of the brutal hitting from the opposition this season. In the four matches he has played so far, he has given away 40+ runs in all of them. His best figure of 3/59 came against Kolkata Knight Riders, where the opposition managed to score 272 runs — the second-highest team total in the IPL. He gave away 32 runs in the final over of the innings against Mumbai Indians, which ended up swinging the momentum away from Delhi.

JONNY BAIRSTOW

After missing out on the previous season due to injury, the Englishman was expected to provide a solid start for the Punjab Kings alongside captain Shikhar Dhawan. With 81 runs in five fixtures, and the highest score of 42 against Lucknow, the right-hander has struggled to make a mark. He has scored the runs with a strike-rate of 150 but he has not been able to provide a strong start. The side has managed to win only two matches this season, mainly due to consistency of the middle and lower middle-order.

MITCHELL STARC

The most expensive player in the history of the league has been a curious case. The Australian pacer has played four matches so far and has taken two wickets. He has gone wicketless in the three fixtures while giving away close to 50 runs in two of them. His two wickets came against struggling Delhi Capitals, where Kolkata were defending the second-highest total in the league. The Shreyas Iyer-led team has only lost one match so far and Starc's misadventure has not cost them yet, but he would want to bag a few wickets soon.

Atalanta's Gianluca Scamacca (No 90) celebrates after scoring the second goal | AFP

Liverpool shocked at home, Leverkusen sink West Ham

AGENCIES @ Liverpool

LIVERPOOL'S hopes of winning the Europa League were left hanging by a thread after they lost 3-0 at home to Atalanta in the first leg of their quarter-final tie on Thursday, while Bayer Leverkusen beat West Ham United to extend their unbeaten record this season.

Liverpool are hoping to make this season's Europa League final in Dublin on May 22 their final game before Jurgen Klopp steps down as manager, but they face a monumental task to turn their last-eight tie around after a stunning Atalanta performance. Meanwhile, Gianluca Mancini gave Roma a slender advantage over AC Milan after netting the only goal at the San Siro.

Q/F results (1st legs): AC Milan (ITA) 0-1 Roma (ITA); Liverpool (ENG) 0-3 Atalanta (ITA); Bayer Leverkusen (GER) 2-0 West Ham (ENG); Benfica (POR) 2-1 Marseille (FRA).

Candidates Chess: Gukesh loses to Alireza

AGENCIES @ Toronto

GRANDMASTER D Gukesh slipped from the joint top spot after suffering his first defeat, at the hands of Frenchman Firouza Alireza, but teen prodigy R Praggnanandhaa played out an easy draw with American Fabiano Caruana in the seventh round of the Candidates chess tournament here.

Following the loss, the 17-year-old Gukesh was down to the joint second spot on four points along with Caruana and Praggnanandhaa. Russia's Ian Nepomniachtchi regained his slender half-point lead.

Results (Rd 7): Firouza Alireza (Fra, 2.5) beat D Gukesh (4); Hikaru Nakamura (Usa, 3.5) drew with Ian Nepomniachtchi (Fid, 4.5); Nijat Abasov (Aze, 2) drew with Vidit Gujrathi (3.5) Fabiano Caruana (Usa, 4) drew with R Praggnanandhaa (4). Women: Tingjei Lei (Chn, 4) beat R Vaishali (2.5); Anna Muzychuk (Ukr, 2.5) drew with K Humpy (2.5); Aleksandra Goryachkina (Fid, 4.5) drew with Zhogyi Tan (Chn, 5); Kateryna Lagno (Fid, 4) drew with Nurgyul Salimova (Bul, 3).

Kick for Kerala Blasters ahead of vital playoffs

AGENCIES @ Hyderabad

KBFC's Daisuke Sakai (C) celebrates his goal against Hyderabad FC | ISL

KERALA Blasters FC ensured that they will enter the Indian Super League (ISL) playoffs with a victory at their back after defeating Hyderabad FC by 3-1 at the Gachibowli Stadium on Friday.

Mohammed Aimen scored and assisted once each while Daisuke Sakai and Nihal Sudeesh netted as well to help the Yellow Army cap off a clinical outing against the Thangboi Singto-coached team.

A late consolation goal by Joao Victor was insufficient to salvage Hyderabad FC any tangible outcome out of this game as they rounded off this campaign with a solitary win to their name in 22 matches.

Homa, Hojgaard charge at Masters as Woods chases history

AGENCIES @ Augusta

TIGER Woods struggled to start a difficult 23-hole walk aimed at making Masters history while Max Homa and Nicolai Hojgaard charged after leader Bryson DeChambeau as the first round of the 88th Masters concluded on Friday.

After a rain delay of two and one-half hours on Thursday, darkness fell with 27 players from the field of 89 still on the course, including Woods, Homa and Hojgaard. Woods, the 48-year-old US legend whose 15 Major titles include five Masters green jackets, has struggled to walk courses since suffering severe leg injuries in a 2021 car crash. This is his first Major since right ankle fusion surgery last April. Woods has made 23 consecutive Masters cuts to share the record with Gary Player and Fred Couples, but he would grab the mark all to himself if he stands in the low 50 and ties after 36 holes. After finishing one-under par for 13 holes on Thursday, Woods began his toughest Major walking test since the accident on Friday with a bogey at the par-4 14th, coming up short of the green in two and blasting his third shot 22 feet beyond the hole.

Woods found a greenside bunker at 18 and missed a 13-foot par putt for another bogey to stand on 73, sharing 35th and one stroke below the early projected cut line as he prepared to quickly start round two. DeChambeau, who fired a seven-under par 65 on Thursday to grab a one-stroke lead over World No 1 Scottie Scheffler, was set to begin his second round just before noon (1600 GMT).

Tiger Woods (R) during the opening round on Thursday | AFP

Bhatia and Theegala off to slow start

Akshay Bhatia lay tied 17th after completing 16 holes, while Sahith Theegala was further down at tied 42nd with a one-over score in 11 holes as the Indian-American golfers got off to a sedate start. Bhatia struck a couple of birdies against a bogey to be one-under before inclement weather halted proceedings with winds swirling all day and gusting up to 56 kmph. Theegala's round was less eventful, dotted with a lone bogey on the second hole.

The 2020 US Open winner birdied five of the last seven holes in his best round ever at Augusta National to set the pace while Scheffler, the 2022 Masters champion, birdied four of the final seven to stay on DeChambeau's heels. Denmark's Hojgaard and American Homa each completed a first-round 67 on Friday to share third, one stroke ahead of England's Danny Willett, the 2016 Masters winner.

Hojgaard, among 20 players making their first Masters start, was two off the pace at 5-under through 15 holes on Thursday and closed with three routine pars, leaving the Dane alongside Homa.

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AND
Pathan Arifullah Khan - Respondent
To
Respondent:- Pathan Arifullah Khan, S/o. Pathan Mahaboob Khan, R/o. No. 309, Manasa Residency, Rachenapalli Main Road, Near Government school, Thanisandra, Bangalore North, Bangalore-560077.

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Place: **Vijayawada,**
Date : **04-04-2024.**

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*Name of the Election : **GENERAL ELECTION TO THE HOUSE OF PEOPLE-2024 (LOKSABHA)**
Name of State/~~UT~~ : **KARNATAKA**
(1) Name of the Constituency : **11-DHARWAD PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**
Name of the candidate : **VINOD ASOOTI**

Sl.No.			
1	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Violation of Model Code of Conduct
	b.	Case no.	CR No. 106/2018 U/s 171(H) of IPC 34
	c.	Name of the Court	Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Bangalore Charge sheeted and transferred from M & JMFC Court, Navalgund
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	Yes / Charges farmed
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
	g.	Any other information required to be given	NOT APPLICABLE
2		The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	He is in the Party for the last many years and has contributed lot for organisation of the party. He has also helped the common people of the constituency, because of his popularity and relationship with the common people, the party workers have supported his candidature as a potential one.
3		Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	He is the only best candidate proposed by the party workers and legislatures of the district. The charges levelled against him in the criminal case are false and frivolous. Absolutely there are no chances of ending the case in conviction.

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Name of the candidate : **RADHAKRISHNA DODDAMANI**

Sl.No.			
1	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a.	Nature of the offences	U/S 420, 468, 471 r/w 34 of IP Cheating and dishonestly inducing delivery of goods, forgery for purpose of cheating, using as genuine a forged document.
	b.	Case no.	9564/2019
	c.	Name of the Court	Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Court, Bangalore
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	YES / Charges framed
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	NOT APPLICABLE
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Name of the candidate : **SHREYAS M. PATEL**

Sl.No.			
1	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Allegation of illegal transportation of Beete Tree log through vehicle from unknown person and falsely implicated
	b.	Case no.	Forest Crime Case No. FC No.2/2014-15– Assistant Conservator of Forest, Subramanya, Dakshina Kannada District U/s 24(D) (E) and 104(A) of Karnataka Forest Act
	c.	Name of the Court	Civil Court, Junior Division, Puttur
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	NO / Charges not framed
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	NIL
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NIL
	g.	Any other information required to be given	NIL
2		The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	The selected candidate is a active, dedicated party leader who has already been associated with the party since years. The candidate is not only qualified but has been in various responsible positions attached to public service & party also and is a widely accepted popular leader amongst the general mass and is engaged extensively in active developmental works for the general public.
3		Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	The selected candidate had contested previously for Legislative Assembly from one among Assembly Constituency in this Parliamentary Constituency. He has an edge over other individuals considering the fact that whatever charges are alleged in the charge sheet have no substance and are purely with a vindictive approach and personal vendetta. The party believes that there will be no adverse outcome of the cases.

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(1) Name of the Constituency : **25-BANGALORE CENTRAL PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY, KARNATAKA**
Name of the candidate : **MANSOOR ALI KHAN**

Sl.No.			
1	**Criminal antecedents**		
	a.	Nature of the offences	Unlawful Assembly, Disobedience Tends to Cause Danger, Wrongfully Restrains Person, Public Nuisance
	b.	Case no.	Crime No.231/2023 dated 22-11-2023 Market Police Station, Secunderabad
	c.	Name of the Court	Hon'ble XXII Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate, Secunderabad
	d.	Whether charges have been framed or not (Yes/No)	The case is still under investigation
	e.	Date of conviction, if any	NIL
	f.	Details of punishment undergone, if any	NIL
	g.	Any other information required to be given	NIL
2		The reasons for the selection of the candidate. Selection shall be with reference to the qualifications, achievements and merit of the candidate, and not mere "winnability" at the polls (not more than 100 words)	He is well-known publicly accepted leader with a good experience of social work in the constituency. The Proposed Candidate is very understanding about the needs and the necessities of all the sections of the society and has a clear vision for the betterment and upliftment of the society.
3		Reasons as to why other individuals without criminal antecedents could not be selected as candidates (not more than 100 words)	It is a political party protest, the case has no significant stand in all probability. He is most likely to be acquitted. As mentioned above in comparison to other individuals without criminal antecedents this candidate is quite popular and well accepted amongst the general mass.

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It demonstrated the feasiblity of using satellites as navigational aids. It also provided positional fixes to within 400 meters on the Earth's surface

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The launch carried an 18kg dummy satellite to test the possibility of deploying small 'piggyback' payloads into orbit on launches of larger satellites

DEATH OF TRANSIT 1B

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CE's guide to happenings in the city

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Soon after the release of *English Vinglish* in 2012, B'luru actor Ashvin Matthew auditioned for John Abraham's production, *Woh Bhi Din The*, which has just released

A DECADE OF DILEMMA AND DESPAIR

MONIKA MONALISA

WOH Bhi Din The, starring **Ashvin Matthew**, Rohit Saraf, Adarsh Gourav, and Sanjana Sanghi, was shot almost a decade ago. Needless to say, the actors didn't have any expectations about the release, till a few weeks ago when they got the news that the movie had finally got a release date. The movie is currently streaming on an OTT platform.

Bengaluru-based actor Matthew reveals the news was a pleasant surprise for all of them. He plays the character of Alex Matthew, the class teacher and English teacher in this teen drama. It's a bunch of mixed emotions for him to see his performance from 10 years ago. "I would play it more naturally now. I wouldn't have to do much 'acting' because I am now at the age of the character," he quips. If Alex Matthew reminds you of Father Vincent, his character from *English Vinglish* (2012), then the actor says there is nothing uncanny about it. "I got a call for this character because of *English Vinglish*. For my audition, I recited a poem and explained some lines from it," he says about the movie that was shot in Jamshedpur.

A still from the movie

The beauty of a well-made high-school drama is that it teleports you to your growing years. "What I identified with the film was the fact that these kids had good teachers like I did, which really changed my life," says Matthew.

Helmed by Sajid Ali, who is also the brother of acclaimed director Imtiaz Ali, and produced by actor-producer John Abraham, the film is being received quite well by the audience. The fact that the film still faced the hurdle of finding a platform to be released speaks a lot about how the movie business works. "The reason why John Abraham didn't sell the film is because he didn't get the money that he wanted and no one believed in it. So he just shelved it. He knew that it was just a matter of time because some of the kids would become famous and there would be a market for it sometime in the future. Seems to have paid off," says Matthew, adding, "Even I'm doing the same thing now. The movie that I directed is a feminist thriller and a lot of distributors don't believe that the audiences want to watch a film that has heroines and no heroes. But it's a question of finding that one person who believes in you and is ready to take a chance."

Matthew points out the problem is never viewers since 'there's always an audience for any kind of movie'. "The problem has always been the gatekeepers, the distributors, or those who take the decisions. For the longest time, they've been buying ₹250-crore action movies which flop. They offer ₹40 lakh and ₹2 crore for the smaller films because they think bigger ones will make more money for them. When those flop, they change their attitude," says Matthew, adding that he could see the change in attitude of people towards regional cinema. However, the change is not free of biases either. "Now finally, they're going towards content-driven films, but then again, they're choosing specific languages. 'Oh, Kannada... not required, Malayalam maybe...'. The people who make the decisions also have to evolve," he signs off.

> *The reason why John Abraham didn't sell the film is because he didn't get the money that he wanted. So he just shelved it... it's a question of finding that one person who believes in you and is ready to take a chance*
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> Ashvin Matthew, actor

Whether it's Deepika Padukone's classy Capricorn-inspired necklace, Taylor Swift's iconic Sagittarius-themed clutch or Jennifer Lopez's black gown with a constellation of all zodiac signs at the recent premiere of her movie *This is Me...Now*, personalised zodiac accessories are all the rage

Star struck

POOJA DAS

TODAY, we live in an age where our OTT platforms show us personalised covers for shows and movies to increase the chances of us watching them. In an age of hyper-personalisation, how can je-wellery, known to speak for our identities, not be in the forefront? Whether it's Deepika Padukone's classy Capricorn-inspired necklace, Taylor Swift's iconic Sagittarius-themed clutch or Jennifer Lopez's black gown with a constellation of all zodiac signs at the recent premiere of her movie *This is Me...Now*, personalised zodiac accessories are all the rage. Maya Varma, co-founder of a jewellery brand in the city points out that while fashion trends are ephemeral, personalised jewellery, especially zodiac-themed, is seeing a rise. "Certain trends stay for a couple of years, and personalised jewellery is something like that. We have seen it rising again because you see a lot of celebrities wearing personalised jewellery," says Varma, whose collection of zodiac-themed accessories, including necklaces, rings and bracelets, are priced between ₹999 and ₹4,250.

Swara Bhaskar

Deepika Padukone

Varma emphasises the role of zodiac jewellery in fostering a sense of belonging, saying, "When you're wearing your zodiac sign, it's a reminder of your strengths and weaknesses. For those who believe in zodiacs, it's more like being a part of a group and a community." Pallavi Foley, a bespoke jewellery designer, observes a broader trend of personal connection in jewellery. From zodiac signs to Chinese zodiac years, clients desire pieces that narrate their unique stories. "The trend is about wearing what you believe in. People want to wear something more than a beautiful piece of jewellery, something that connects to them at different levels, and makes them feel stronger," she says.

The fascination with zodiac fashion reflects a collective journey towards self-expression and belonging, resonating with a younger generation seeking to align the stars in their favour. Gazal Kharbanda, a 24-year-old accessory designer, has also begun to delve into zodiac signs as she is growing. "For me, this trend is more about just having faith and starting to believe there's something bigger out there," says Kharabanda, adding, "This trend is more so on the lines of the fact that we as a generation are moving towards individuality. And like social media is one of the platforms, wherein people want to be seen and want to stand out for who they are. Zodiac jewellery is something that adds to that. So, if you're a Capricorn and you're wearing a necklace of the sun sign, that might define you as a calm person. It's like an unsaid introduction."

Taylor Swift

CITY READ

Bird walk organised to celebrate Earth Day

Early Bird, a learning programme to bring children closer to birds and nature, has announced a series of bird walks across eight cities, including Mysuru, to celebrate Earth Day. The walks are specifically designed for children aged 10 to 13. The Mysuru walk on April 21, starting at 7am at Lingambudhi Tank, will be conducted in collaboration with the Dharitri Collective where the focus will be on bird habitats, behaviours, and life cycles, incorporating games and activities to enhance learning. The children will be guided by naturalists throughout the walk. All participants must register separately. Seats are limited. Register at bit.ly/8walks.

NLSIU announces grant for comprehensive redevelopment of new academic block

The National Law School of India University (NLSIU) announced a grant from the JSW Group for a comprehensive redevelopment and expansion of the university's core academic block and precinct, as well as the establishment of the 'JSW Centre on the Future of Law'. This grant will support the redevelopment of the New Academic Block (NAB), located in the southern part of the NLSIU campus at Nagarabhavi. The two-storeyed NAB was originally built in 2014 and accommodates lecture theatres, seminar rooms, meeting rooms and more. The grant will help add four floors and redevelop the available two floors to provide technologically advanced learning along with collaborative research spaces for faculty, students, and researchers. This building will be named as the 'JSW Academic Block' and be integrated with the surrounding precinct, including the recently-redeveloped Shri Narayan Rao Melgiri Memorial National Law Library.

KNOW YOUR CITY

Arun Prasad, city-based history researcher, unravels interesting facts about Bengaluru in this weekly quiz series. So it's time for you to find out how familiar you are with the city, beyond its heritage buildings, IT parks and the pub culture.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY WEDNESDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com** with the subject line **'Know Your City Quiz'** Correct answers and names of first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE*.

THE RIGHT ANSWERS ARE

1) Bangalore Palace
2) The Glass House
3) Vikasa Soudha

FIRST THREE TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Lata Siddheswar
2) R Prabha
3) S Nagaraj

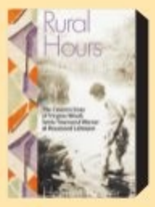
BOOK NOOK

Until August
Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Sitting alone, overlooking the blue lagoon, Ana Magdalena Bach surveys the men of the hotel bar. She is happily married and has no reason to escape the world she has created. And yet, every August, she travels to the island where her mother is buried, and for one night takes a new lover.

Bride
By Ali Hazelwood

Misery Lark, the only daughter of the most powerful Vampyre councilman of the Southwest, is an outcast. She has been called upon to uphold an historic peacekeeping alliance between the Vampyres and their mortal enemies, the Weres, and sees little choice but to surrender herself.



Rural Hours
By Harriet Baker

A story of three women, each of whom moved to the countryside and was forever changed by it. Slowly, we start to see transformations unfold: Virginia Woolf, Sylvia Townsend Warner, and Rosamond Lehmann emerge before us as the passionate, visionary writers we know them to be.

Come And Get It
By Kiley Reid

Millie Cousins, a senior resident assistant, wants to graduate, get a job, and buy a house. So when Agatha Paul, a visiting professor and writer, offers Millie an easy yet unusual opportunity, she jumps at the chance.

COLOURFUL EXPRESSIONS

Artist Vishwanath S Hiremath explains his abstract paintings which are exhibited at the Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath on Friday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICKFIX

CHICKEN PESTO SANDWICH

INGREDIENTS
- **Shredded chicken breast :** 2 cups
- **Greek yoghurt :** ¼ cup
- **Tomato :** 2, thinly sliced
- **Mozzarella :** 2 slices
- **Pesto:** 3 tbsp
- **Baguette:** 1, cut into 4 equal pieces for two sandwiches

METHOD
- Boil the chicken, shred it into strips.
- On one toasted baguette sandwich, spread 2 tbsp yoghurt, pile chicken strips, mozzarella, and tomato.
- Take 2 scoops of pesto and layer on thick.
- Season with salt and pepper.

Contributed by **Devi Gorai,** Delhi

NOWSTREAMING

REGIONAL

PREMALU (Malayalam)

Sachin pursues romance but finds himself caught between two potential partners, leading to amusing complications.

Cast: Naslen, Mamitha Baiju, Shyam Mohan

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

AMAR SINGH CHAMKILA (Hindi)

A humble singer's brash lyrics ignite fame and fury across Punjab as he grapples with soaring success and brutal criticism before his untimely death.

Cast: Diljit Dosanjh, Parineeti Chopra

- **Watch on:** Netflix

FOREIGN

FALLOUT (English, series)

In a future, post-apocalyptic Los Angeles brought about by nuclear decimation, citizens must live in underground bunkers to protect themselves from radiation, mutants and bandits.

Cast: Ella Purnell, Aaron Moten, Walton Goggins

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

SUBSCRIPTION

Netflix:	₹199/month
Prime Video:	₹299/month
JioCinema:	₹999/year
Disney+ Hotstar:	₹899/year
Zee5:	₹699/year
VikiRakuten:	₹299/month
Aha:	₹699/year
SonyLIV:	₹299/month

FITBIT

BHUJANGASANA WITH BOLSTER UNDER ELBOWS

This is a gentle supported backbend and is practised as part of restorative yoga, to help ease the back and shoulders reducing the stress. It can be practised as part of Yin yoga to open the heart with the stretching of the chest and intercostal muscles with the support of a bolster.

STEPS
- Lie down on the mat, belly and thighs down, pressing the chest, hips and feet while extending the arms in front.
- Inhale, raise the head and chest and balance the upper body on the bent elbows close to your chest.
- Stay here for about 20 seconds, then, place a bolster behind the elbows against the chest and upper abdomen, horizontally.
- Exhale and push the chest, rib cage, upper abdomen against the bolster, while you rest the forearms on the floor in front, extending the hands, fingers pointing front.
- With continuous breathing, push the bolster to feel the stretch at the lower back, and sides of the back.
- While here, make sure to bring the thighs, knees, feet, and big toes together, as you also squeeze the buttocks.
- Close your eyes and remain in this backbend for a minute without forceful breathing.
- To release, rise up and remove the bolster, and exhale to stretch the arms out in front to go into Reverse Corpse Pose.
- Repeat once more for the same amount of time.

BENEFITS
- Suitable for seniors, beginners, and those with knee, ankle, and lower back pain or inflamed knee and ankle joints.
- Helps to hold poses for a longer time with ease.
- Strengthens the knee, ankle and hip-joints, spine and psoas muscles.
- Activates the core, improving pelvic stability.
- Builds awareness in the body.
- Improves blood circulation and opens the chest and shoulders.
- Improves posture and digestion.
- Increases spinal flexibility and mobility.
- Strengthens lower back and shoulders.
- Reduces mild depression and anxiety
- Improves breathing and can reduce stress. Energises mind and body.
- Can be included in yoga sequences for athletes, runners, climbers or teens in active sports.

LIMITATIONS
- Students suffering from high blood pressure, severe spinal and neck injury, should avoid this.
- Those who have back pain, asthma, herniated disc, urinary incontinence, should do under the guidance of a yoga teacher.
- Pregnant women should avoid practising this asana.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

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HAVE A RECIPE OR ART WORK TO SHARE, OR A QUESTION TO ASK?

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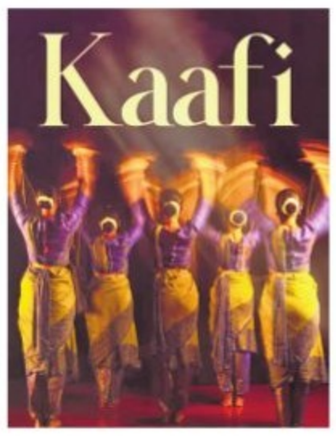
WHATWHENWHYWHERE

Theatre Time

Watch *Kaafi*, a dance theatre production that explores the concept of blindness – both physical and metaphorical – through the character Gandhari from the *Mahabharata*.

WHEN: April 13, 7.30pm
WHERE: Medai - The Stage, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com



Terracotta Workshop

Unleash your creativity in this terracotta painting workshop as you transform ordinary terracotta pots into decorative pieces for your home.

WHEN: April 13, 5pm
WHERE: Sobha Iris, Bellandur
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Cinema Under the Night Sky

Enjoy a classic film on a breezy terrace with an unobstructed view of the night sky, offering a unique and immersive cinema experience. Perfect for a night out with loved ones.

WHEN: April 13, 7pm **WHERE:** Forum South Bangalore, Kanakapura Road
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Summer Music Festival

Dance the night away to your favourite homegrown artistes at the Bangalore Summer Festival.

WHEN: April 13, 7pm
WHERE: Fandom at Gilly's Redefined, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Sundowner Soiree

Experience a poolside party under the starlit Bengaluru sky with melodic house and Hindi tunes, enhanced by live instruments.

WHEN: April 15, 5pm **WHERE:** Sheraton Grand Hotel, Whitefield
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Sunday Morning Standup

Catch budding standup comedians from Bengaluru as they test out their new and old material in the serene setting of Cubbon Park.

WHEN: April 15, 8.30am
WHERE: Opp Bandstand, Cubbon Park
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Book Club Meet

Join fellow book lovers to discuss and share insights from your favorite reads, and find new books to explore.

WHEN: April 14, 3.30pm
WHERE: The Coffee Brewery, Koramangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Gaming Evening

Unplug and unwind with a fun-filled evening of board games, camaraderie, and friendly competition!

WHEN: April 13, 7pm
WHERE: HODA WorkSpace, HSR Layout
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

ARTCORNER

BLUE SAPPHIRE

In his acrylic artwork, Chennai-based artist Selvakannan Rathinam presents his version of a bold and confident woman

THE HEAT IS ON!

RUBINATIONS
Rubi Chakravarti

Writer, actor and funny girl

Prashant Issar & Samreen Gafoor

THE heat is on and it's not letting up anytime soon! There is no question of delicately sweating and wiping ones brow with a handkerchief anymore. People are using sweat-pads and carrying unsightly wet-wipe packets to mop-up their leaking make-up with a grunt! I know because every time I do the same, an outstretched hand comes along asking for a wet-wipe. Summer flus and upset tummies seem to rule the day, but there are a couple of die-hard crusaders who will not let anything stop them.

One of them is my longtime best-buddy, Aslam Gafoor. His job keeps him busy travelling and sampling cuisine from all the newer hotels and restaurants. I often tell him he has the best job in the whole wide world! This time he invited us to a 'Bohri Mohalla' Iftar party at a beautiful restaurant called Ishaara. Life couldn't get better! Spending the better part of my life in Mumbai and ultimately marrying a Bohri man, their cuisine has always held a special place in my heart. There is an aura about the month of Ramadan, where one sees friends and foes alike, shedding their outer skins and immersing themselves in piety, prayer and culminating in an evening iftar or breaking ones fast. The same could be said of different religions too during their months of austerity and prayer. But, for a person like me, a universal true-blue believer, I believe in miracles!

Ishaara is owned and run by a 'serial entrepreneur', the dapper Prashant Issar, a Mumbai/London-based restaurateur who desperately wants to be adopted by Bengaluru! Ishaara, his newest baby, has superb Indian food and Prashant's wait-staff is mostly hearing and speech impaired. Talk about diversity and inclusiveness. We had the best service ever from the men and boys who understood their restaurant and were patient and kind with us, trying to manoeuvre us through our gauche efforts to communicate with them! I always find the so called 'abled' much more entitled and awkward!

Shoba Narayan, Priya Rao & Susan Fernandes

Kiran Soans & Sashi Cheliah

Sashi Chelliah, the proverbial 'dark-horse' who won the *Australian MasterChef* season is now a much-acclaimed chef and restaurateur with a couple of restaurants under his belt. He was doing culinary tours across multiple cities with my friend Kiran Soans who is the owner/conceptualiser of WOMP (world-on-my-plate). The whiskey paired 8-course de-gustation meal that he conjured-up and served was beyond fantastic. Of course the fabulous ambiance at the Leela Palace, with genteel music playing and the tinkling of Baccarat crystal was the perfect setting for this elegant soiree. Brava Sashi!

This week was all about us, the so-called 'abled' being included in the vast diaspora of what we arrogantly called 'the-differently-abled'! I was fortunate to meet the 'fire-brand' Prateek Khandelwal founder of RamMycity. Prateek is a social entrepreneur and TEDx speaker and is passionately leading RampMyCity, a physical accessibility startup that aims to improve the quality of life of Persons with Disabilities and the elderly population of India. The Ritz-Carlton threw a jazz evening to showcase a noble cause, with the talented band the Jazz-Collective playing. The creme-de-la-creme of auld Bangalore was invited and the evening was curated by a dear friend (an old Bangalorean herself) and naturellement...every little detail was perfection in itself.

Bengaluru is simmering and 'hawt'!

(The writer's views are personal)

Mindful eating in a fast-paced world

NUTRIWISE
Sadhvika Srinivas

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The writer is a clinical nutritionist who attends to metabolic disorders. She also works towards sports nutrition

WORKPLACE nutrition refers to the dietary habits and food choices individuals make while at work. It's important to pay attention to workplace nutrition because what you eat during your workday can significantly impact your energy levels, concentration, mood, and overall productivity.

Based on the social determinants of health concept, the workplace is one of the places that could affect a wide range of health, functioning, and quality-of-life outcomes and risks. It is strengthened by the WHO which describes a workplace as a priority environment to influence dietary behaviours, given that individuals can spend up to two-thirds of their waking hours at work.

Potential health problems among workers are work accidents, occupational illness, non-communicable diseases, and communicable diseases. A good health status not only impacts an individual but also the workplace itself. Several strategies could be used for improving workers' productivity including improving nutrition, sanitation, education, health promotion, healthy workplace, occupation-health and safety, and population health.

The impact of poor diet was found to be an important cause of reduced work capacity for the following reasons:

- The body tends to protect itself against the lack of proper food by avoiding effort, the final results being lethargy and lack of initiative and drive.
- Poor diet lowers the worker's resistance to disease.
- It leads to a considerable amount of absenteeism because of sickness.
- Where workers are undernourished and tend to tire quickly, accident rates tend to be higher.

Food has a direct impact on our cognitive performance, which is why a poor decision at lunch can derail an entire afternoon. Just about everything we eat is converted by the body into glucose, which provides the energy the brain needs to stay alert. When we're running low on glucose, we have a tough time staying focused and our attention drifts. This explains why it's hard to concentrate on an empty stomach.

Nutrition intervention at the workplace is focused on overweight/obesity which was found to be the dominant factor of metabolic syndrome which is defined as metabolic disruption including hypertension, type 2 diabetes, central obesity, high triglyceride level and low HDL cholesterol level.

Nutrition interventions to maximise health and productivity at the workplace/at work:

- Consuming well-balanced meals: Low-fat dairy products, low saturated fat and avoiding trans-fat, more fruits and vegetables, whole grains, seafood, lean meats and poultry, as well as salt alternatives.
- Physical activity: Workplace nutrition intervention betters workers' diet and physical activity which could decrease the risk factor of cardiovascular diseases.
- Meal interventions: Prepare and pack meals and snacks to bring to work. This allows one to have control over the ingredients and portion sizes, making it easier to make healthier choices. Make sure meals and snacks include a variety of nutrient-rich foods such as fruits, vegetables, whole grains, lean proteins, and healthy fats. These foods provide essential nutrients to fuel the body and brain throughout the day.
- Health education: Offering workshops and seminars on various nutrition topics such as healthy eating, meal planning, reading food labels, and portion control can help to motivate employees. These sessions can be led by nutritionists, dietitians, or other health professionals.
- Limit sugar and processed foods: Minimise consumption of sugary snacks, beverages, and processed foods at work. These foods can lead to energy spikes followed by crashes, making it difficult to maintain focus and productivity.
- Nutrition programmes: Comprehensive workforce nutrition programmes, including a variety of intervention areas, and/or programmes targeting high-risk categories of workers (overweight/obese or pre-diabetic) were more likely to be effective on nutrition, health, and business outcomes. Within comprehensive and targeted programmes, individualised counselling and worksite environmental modifications are the most effective components.

(The writer's views are personal)

VERSATILE LEAVES

THE curry leaf tree is revered for its aromatic leaves which stand out as a quintessential spice in Indian cuisine. Scientifically known as Murraya koenigii, curry leaf is semi-deciduous, unarmed aromatic small spreading shrub or tree with a strong woody stem. The tree is 4–8.7m (13–31 feet) tall, with a trunk up to 81cm diameter. Cultivated primarily in homesteads and plantation scale, it thrives throughout India, flourishing in diverse climatic conditions.

The uses of the curry leaf extend far beyond culinary applications. In South India, the leaves serve as a natural flavouring agent in various curries, infusing dishes with a distinctive aroma and taste. Additionally, it yields volatile oil, valued as a fixative for soap, perfume and personal care products. Furthermore, the leaves, bark, and roots of the curry leaf tree find utilisation in indigenous medicine, where they are esteemed for their multifaceted properties, offering holistic remedies for various ailments.

In essence, the curry leaf tree epitomises the rich cultural heritage and culinary tradition of India, offering not only flavoursome contributions to the cuisine but also versatile applications in personal care and traditional medicine.

MEDICINAL PROPERTIES OF CURRY LEAF

- Astringent
- Anthelmintic
- Febrifuge
- Stomachic
- Appetising
- Anti-inflammatory
- Antiseptic
- Used in skin diseases
- Carminative

Info courtesy: Spices Board

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor (@aslamgafoor) is a seasoned hospitality professional with a rich background in business development, sales, and marketing with renowned hotels and F&B companies. With an unwavering passion for food, travel, and wines, he takes great delight in sharing his insights and experiences as a columnist.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucity express @gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first-prize winner will receive a voucher worth ₹1,000 from Old Bangalore Cafe, Jayanagar**

1. What's the Lebanese summer salad made with parsley, mint, tomatoes, bulgur wheat, and lemon juice called?
2. Which South American country is known for Chimichurri sauce, a tangy marinade for grilled meats in summer?
3. What's the traditional Turkish yogurt drink, served cold in summer to cool down?

NUGGETS

Mango Food Festival from April 17

With the rising temperature, it is time to satisfy your summer cravings at this Raw Mango Food Fest. Drinks on the menu are chili mango martini and raw mango mojito, while dishes include kairi murgh tikka and the zesty khatta tawa macchi, kathal raw mango curry among others. Desserts are raw mango coconut pudding and the creamy raw mango shrikhand. The festival is taking place at The Bengaluru Brasserie, Hyatt Centric MG Road, between April 17 and 30, 7.30pm onwards. The vegetarian meal is priced at 1,199++ while the non-vegetarian meal is ₹1,399++.

Stad-Yum menu for cricket lovers

SOCIAL, a neighbourhood café chain, has launched the #DoosraStadium campaign to celebrate the cricket frenzy across the nation. In collaboration with cricket stars Suryakumar Yadav, Ruturaj Gaikwad, and Ishan Kishan, the idea is to create an ultimate cricket hub for fans. The campaign features a special Stad-Yum menu with cricket-themed dishes like majama titans platter and howzat chapli tacos, along with LLIITs like Namma Ooru LLIIT, Hyderabadi Sunrise LLIIT, Thalaiva LLIIT and Korbo LLIITbo Jeetbo.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **CHANDRIKA KESHAVAMURTHY GIRIRAJ**, R/at No. 04, Shreya Residency, 4th Cross, Behind Janapriya Township, Kadabagere, Bengaluru - 562 130 have changed my name to **CHANDRIKA GIRIRAJ** vide Affidavit dated 27-03-2024 Before Notary B. Prasanna, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SERVICE NO.JC- 313516A SUB ANGERI DORABABU, Residing at House NO. 50/1, Khall Halli, Near MEG & CENTRE, Bangalore, KARNATAKA (State), PIN: 560042, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) ANGERI TAKSH REDDY,** Vide Affidavit Dated 10.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) K USENAMMA,** Mother of NO.16118533H HAV KANALA MADDILETI, Residing at NO.8-8/1, H.S. Kottala (Vill), Nandyal (Tehsil & MD), Kanala (Post), Kurnool (Dist), ANDHRA PRADESH (State), PIN: 518593, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) KUMMARI USHENAMMA,** And **DOB** from **06.11.1971** to **09.12.1970,** Vide Affidavit Dated 01.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE.

DECLARATION

I, TULSI DAS NAYADI S/o L.K.Bhagwan Das Residing at No.3 MIG 1st Floor 4th Phase 707 house 1st Main Yelahanka New town near Air Qtrs, Bangalore 560064, state that in my passport bearing No.L7659033 my name is wrongly mentioned as **TULSI DAS BHAGWAN DAS** insted of my correct name **TULSI DAS NAYADI,** I further declare that my correct name is **TULSI DAS NAYADI** vide affidavit dated 12.04.2024sworn before notary S.R.Ravikumar Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) GANESH RAVINDRA DEVANALLIKAR residing at No.F003, Ground Floor, Vaishnavi Nakshatra Apartment, Yeshwanthpura, New Vaishnavi Sapphire Mall, Yeshwanthpura, Bengaluru-560022, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) GANESH RAVINDRA DEVANALLIKAR** to **(NEW NAME) GANESH DEVANALLIKAR** vide affidavit dated 12.04.2024 sworn before Notary Vanajakshi.R Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Shruthi Honnaler Chandrappa** W/o Kushal Shiva Kumar, residing at #30, 31, Gowramma Singappa Nilaya, 2nd Cross, Srirampura, Jakkur Post, Bengaluru-560064 have changed my name to **Shruthi Honnalera Chandrappa** vide affidavit dated: 08/02/2024 sworn before notary Devaraja E, Bengaluru.

LOST

It is Notified for the information that my 6th Sem B.Sc Marks Card May 2022 Obtained Through Kristu Jayanti College, Kothanur, Bangalore, have been actually Lost. finders please contact: mobile: 8880045599, Rajashekar.M, S/o. Murugan. #33, 3rd cross, flower Garden Babusapalya, Kalyan Nagar Post Bangalore-560043.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Sushmitha B. Nayaka**, D/o. R. Basavaraj, aged about 30 years, Residing at No. 818, 8th C Main, 2nd G Cross, Basaveshwara Nagar, Bangalore-560079, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Sushmitha B** to **Sushmitha B Nayaka,** vide affidavit dated 10.04.2024, sworn to before P. Anuradha, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, (OLD NAME) VENKATESH G S S/o. Subramanian Gopal, residing at No.#29A, 7th Cross, 2nd Main Road, Gospel Street, Lingarajapuram, St. Thomas Town Post, Bengaluru 560084, have changed my name from **(OLD NAME) VENKATESH G S** to **(NEW NAME) VENKATESH SUBRAMANIAN** vide affidavit dated 10.04.2024 sworn before Notary Meer Hassan Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **DHANALAKSHMI**, wife of Krishnamurthy, Aged about 37 years, residing at No. 28/A, Near Chaitanya School, Maruthi Layout, Kudlu, Bangalore - 560 068, do hereby declare that, the names **DHANALAKSHMI** and **GALLA DHANALAKSHMI** refered to me only. Vide affidavit dated 10.04.2024 sworn to before Prakasha .C, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru.

AFFIDAVIT

I, **SHRESHT SHIVAKUMAR GOGI**, S/o. Sri. Shivakumar Gogi, Aged about 19 years, residing at H. No. 45 (Old No. 369) 'KRISHNA', 8th Cross, 2nd Block, 60 ft. Road, R.M.V. 2nd Stage, Bangalore - 560 094, do hereby declare that, my name is **SHRESHT SHIVAKUMAR GOGI** and wherever the name **SHRESHT S GOGI, SHRESHT** are the name of one and the same person and that is my name. Vide affidavit dated 10.04.2024 sworn to before Anitha Bai, Advocate & Notary, Bengaluru,

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **PRAKRUTHI SUBRAMANYA**, Aged about 42 years, Residing at No. D07, Mosaic, Good Earth Malhar Kambipura, Kengeri, Bangalore - 560 060, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **PRAKRUTHI KANKANHALLI SUBRAMANYA** to **PRAKRUTHI SUBRAMANYA** vide affidavit dated 25.07.2022 sworn to before T.R. Raghavendra Rao, Advocate & Notary Public, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. RUQAIYA TAQVEEN MANNA**, W/o. Abdul Jabbar Abu Mohammed Manna, Resident of National Colony, Mavalli, Uttara Kannada - 581 350, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor daughter's name from **HAMNAH** to **HAMNAH MANNA** vide affidavit dated 11.04.2024 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. RUQAIYA TAQVEEN MANNA**, W/o. Abdul Jabbar Abu Mohammed Manna, Resident of National Colony, Mavalli, Uttara Kannada - 581 350, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **SAFWAN** to **SAFWAN MANNA** vide affidavit dated 11.04.2024 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Mrs. RUQAIYA TAQVEEN MANNA**, W/o. Abdul Jabbar Abu Mohammed Manna, Resident of National Colony, Mavalli, Uttara Kannada - 581 350, do hereby declare that I have changed my minor son's name from **KAAB** to **KAAB MANNA** vide affidavit dated 11.04.2024 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KESHAV AGRAWAL**, Aged about 35 years, S/o. Gopal Manikchand Agrawal, No. 26/1, Flat E-1502, LEO Wing Brigade Gate Way, Dr. Rajkumar Road, Malleshwaram, Bangalore - 560 055, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KESHAV GOPAL AGRAWAL** to **KESHAV AGRAWAL** vide affidavit dated 11.04.2024 sworn to before K.V. Mani, Advocate and Notary, Govt. of India, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **Bhoopendra Singh Kushwah,** Aged about 35 Years, S/o. Rajendra Singh, R/o : No. 26, Nirala Nagar, Singhpur Road, Morar, Grid, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh-474006 do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **BHOOPENDRA KUSHWAH TO BHOOPENDRA SINGH KUSHWAH,** henceforth My Name shall be known and called as **BHOOPENDRA SINGH KUSHWAH** only, vide affidavit dated 30-03-2024 sworn before Advocate and Notary **S.R. RAVIKUMAR.** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **KARTHIK KUMAR. R**, S/o Ravi. V, Aged about 25 years, R/at No. 81/1, Munirathnamma Building, 1st Floor, 12th 'A' Main Road, Begur Main Road, Hongasandra, Narayanareddy Layout, Bengaluru South, Bangalore-560 068. Hereby declare that I have changed my name from **'MANIKANTA. R'** to **"KARTHIK KUMAR. R"**, henceforth I shall be known and called as **KARTHIK KUMAR. R,** only for all purposes, vide affidavit dated 12.04.2024, sworn before Advocate and Notary K.V. Mani, at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SUGUNAKUMARI DARSI VENKATA SUGUNAKUMAR, Resident of No. M-1, 26th Main, 1st Phase, J P Nagar, Bengaluru-560078, have changed my name to SUGUNA KUMARI DARISI VENKATA, vide affidavit dated: 12.04.2024 before advocate and notary R.J. SOLANKI, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

We, Rajesh Bhullan Pal AND Sadhana Rajesh Pal resident of No. 45 - 10/1B, Dore Bunglow, 5th cross, Puttenhalli Main Road, Near Inchara Hotel, Puttenhalli, Bangalore South, JP Nagar. 560078 we have changed our minor son's name from HARSH to HARSHA PAL Vide Affidavit dated 10.04.2024 sworn before Advocate & Notary C N Balasubramanyam, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME

I, NAGESH RANGA, resident of # 19/1, 2nd Floor, 1st Main Road, Koramangala 1st Block, Shantha Ranga Mansion, Bangalore-560034, have changed my name from NAGESH RANGANATH to NAGESH RANGA vide affidavit dated: 12.04.2024 before advocate and notary B.M. Chandrashekar, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **ARUNPRASANNA** R/at No. B- 212, Suraksha Landmark, BDA 80 feet Road, opp: Sai Baba Temple, Arekere, Bannerghatta Road, Bangalore-560076 have changed my son's name from **ABHAY PRASANNA ARUNPRASANNA** to **ABHAY PRASANNA** vide affidavit dated: 10/4/2024 before Notary **K.V. Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME

I, **(OLD NAME) ELSIE,** Mother of NO.16115329Y L/HAV SIJOMON J, Residing at Febin Villa, Viyancor, Palottuvila, Malayinkeezhu (Vill & Post), Kattakada (Taluk), Thiruvananthapuram (Dist), KERALA (State), PIN: 695571, Have Changed My Name to **(NEW NAME) ELSI,** And **DOB** from **25.09.1962** to **01.01.1967,** Vide Affidavit Dated 10.04.2024 Sworn Before Notary MEER HASSAN BANGALORE

DECLARATION

I, KRITHIKA DAS D/o TULSIDAS Residing at No.3 MIG 1st Floor 4th Phase 707 house 1st Main Yelahanka New town near Air Qtrs, Bangalore 560064, state that in my passport bearing No.M0594645 my name is wrongly mentioned as **KRITHIKA** insted of my correct name **KRITHIKA DAS** and aslo my father's name is wrongly mentioned as **TULSIDAS NAYADI,** insted of his correct name **TULSIDAS,** I further declare that my correct name is **KRITHIKA DAS** and my father name is **TULSIDAS** vide affidavit dated 12.04.2024 sworn before notary S.R.Ravikumar Bangalore.

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YASH AND NAMIT MALHOTRA JOIN FORCES TO PRODUCE RAMAYANA

More details and official confirmation about the cast and the project are awaited

CE FEATURES

ACTOR Yash and producer Namit Malhotra will be jointly producing Nitesh Tiwari's *Ramayana*. Namit's production house, Prime Focus Studios and Yash's Monster Mind Creations will be coming together to bring the epic tale to screens.

Speaking about the collaboration with Yash, Namit said in a press release, "In Yash, I recognise an aspiration to share the best of our culture with the world. Inspired by his journey from Karnataka to the success of *KGF Chapter 2*, I can't think of a better partner to help create a major global impact with this, the greatest of all our stories."

He also spoke about how their film will be different. He said, "Our interpretation will be told without compromise. We are assembling the very best global talent to tell this epic story with the care, attention, and conviction that it deserves."

Namit Malhotra and Yash

The film features Ranbir Kapoor as Rama and Sai Pallavi as Sita. While the makers are yet to confirm the news, sources state that Yash is all set to portray the iconic character of Ravana in the film, and he will be among the highest-paid actors for the project. More details and official confirmation about the cast, and the project are awaited.

Yash spoke more of the collaboration and said in his statement, "Namit and I had various ideation sessions, and coincidentally, our synergy on the vision for Indian cinema aligned perfectly. We brainstormed various projects, and during these discussions, the subject of *Ramayana* came up."

He added, "Ramayana, as a subject, deeply resonates with me and I had an approach in my mind for it. By joining forces to co-produce *Ramayana*, we are bringing together our collective vision and experience to create an Indian film that will ignite excitement and passion in audiences across the world."

Yash will also be co-producing and starring in *Toxic: A Fairy Tale for Grown-Ups*. Both Ramayana and Toxic will be released internationally in multiple languages.

Vijay, Jadeshaa K Hampi's VK-29 officially launched

CE FEATURES

The makers officially confirmed that Rachita Ram and Shishir Balkady are part of the principal cast, and the film marks the entry of actor Ritanya to Sandalwood

VIJAY Kumar and Jadeshaa K Hampi's much-discussed *VK-29* was launched with a traditional muhurath ceremony on Friday. The ceremony was graced by *Kaatera* director Tharun Kishore Sudhir and filmmaker Guru Deshpande. Jadeshaa, the director of *Gentleman* and *Guru Shishyaru*, described Vijay's character as a lively portrayal of a man in his mid-40s, and said that the film is set against the nostalgic backdrop of the 90s that is inspired by real-life incidents. The film will mark the return of producer KV Satya Prakash, with Maasthi, who previously worked for *Kaatera*, penning the dialogues for the film.

VK 29 is inspired by K Shivaram Karanth's Chomana Dudi, and Vijay's character is based on the character of Chomana. The shooting for the film will be held in Kolar, Gudibande, and other places. "Vijay's previous success in capturing Kolar's essence in *Junglee* makes it an ideal backdrop," says the director.

While the makers officially confirm Rachita Ram as the female lead, the film also marks the debut of Vijay Kumar's daughter Ritanya (formerly Monica). Vijay, talking about Ritanya's entry into the industry, remarked, "Though it wasn't my plan, I couldn't deny my daughters' passion for cinema. Ritanya's diligent preparation assures me of her lasting presence."

Shishir Balkady, after his debut in *Daredevil Musthafa*, returns to share the screen with Vijay and Ritanya in VK 29. The film will have Swamy on board as its cinematographer; the makers are yet to finalise on the music director for it.

At the muhurath of VK-29

Malashree's action takes centre stage in this medical thriller

A SHARADHAA

WHILE the world has moved on from the pandemic to a reasonable extent, filmmakers continue to revisit that chaotic era, and this latest film, Night Curfew, joins that list. Although its arrival in theatres is delayed, the film not only portrays the effect of the pandemic, it also delves into the complexities of crime and societal unrest. Ravindra Venshi deftly intertwines real-life incidents into the film and adds a compelling crime story on top of it.

At the centre of all things is Malashree, who plays a doctor. However, her character is not confined to the traditional image of a doctor. Instead, her presence brings a blend of action and medical expertise to the screen, set against the backdrop of a hospital. The audiences are taken back to the grim realities of the pandemic era – the sight of masked faces, the loss of livelihoods, and the tragic loss of lives. It is within this milieu that we encounter Durga (Malashree), a doctor who has previously served in the army, navigating the challenges of hospital life. With each passing day, Durga grapples with a pervasive sense of loneliness and despair, firmly believing that preserving faith is paramount in the face of adversity.

She is joined by Vedha (Ranjani Raghavan), another dedicated doctor. Durga, along with Vedha, apart from dealing with the COVID patients, confronts a challenge when a mysterious patient is brought into the hospital at midnight. What begins as a routine medical case soon spirals into a complex web of intrigue, as the patient's so-called relatives demand justice for her untimely demise. The suspicion arises when one such relative, Raghuram (Pramod Shetty), demands a medical certificate citing COVID-19 as the cause of the lady's death, raising questions about the misuse of the pandemic's name for personal gain. But upon closer inspection, the doctors make a shocking discovery: the lady was murdered, and COVID had nothing to do with it. Meanwhile, another parallel story revolves around two commoners, Sadhu Kokila and Manju Pavagada. Both confined within four walls, desperate to have liquor, go out to steal a few bottles at a shop, only to stumble upon a man, whom they think is dead but later realise that he was intoxicated, and he has a connection to the incident at the hospital. What unfolds next within the hospital walls forms the rest of the story. Amidst allegations of foul play and the quest for a death certificate, the story explains how even the sanctity of life is commodified for profit and how a few people used the opportunity of the pandemic for their own benefit. It also recalls the dilemmas faced by frontline workers and the fragile balance between public health and personal life.

The film puts the spotlight on Malashree. While her portrayal is positioned as an underdog, in the role of a doctor, Malashree takes charge of the film as a hero and delivers a flurry of hard-hitting punches on the villains, while she brings an investigative side to her shade. The film also has Rangayana Raghura in a guest role as a police officer, and Raja Balawadi as one of the antagonists. What starts off as a medical thriller becomes a high-octane chase that unfolds within the hospital confines, all in the span of one night.

Before the break of dawn, the villains are vanquished, and the police arrive to wrap up the formalities. Along the way, the film sheds light on the repercussions of the pandemic, exposing how some unscrupulous individuals exploit the situation for personal gain.

The film, which revolves around the chaos of the pandemic era, is a treat for fans of Malashree, who are craving to get the Lady Super Star back in action. *Night Curfew* delivers what it sets out to do, even though it only holds up as a one-time watch.

NIGHT CURFEW
Director: Ravindra Venshi
Cast: Malashree, Ranjani Raghavan, Pramod Shetty, Raja Balawadi, Sadhu Kokila, Manju Pavagada, and Rangayana Raghu
RATING 2.5/5

A mostly uncompromising look at the commodification of medical education

SCAM 1770
Director: Vikas Pushpagiri
Cast: Ranjan, Nischita, B Suresha Harini, and Sampath Maitreya
RATING 2.5/5

A SHARADHAA

WHERE dreams of pursuing medicine can often turn into nightmares, *Scam 1770* vividly portrays the harsh realities of the NEET exam, delving deep into the murky waters of education and its repercussions, exposing the insidious transformation of learning into a profit-driven business. Setting the tone for the film's central narrative is the tragic fate of a talented student named Nithya, whose aspirations of a medical career are cut short by the ruthless machinations of the education industry. Nithya's desperate act of surrendering her medical seat and subsequent suicide serve as a chilling indictment of an exploitative system that preys on the vulnerabilities of young minds. Sathyamurthy (B Suresha) plays Aaryan Institute's CEO, a man with a relentless pursuit of achieving a 100 percent success rate in NEET results, who applies mounting pressure on prospects to enroll in coaching classes and meet unrealistic cutoffs, illustrating the harsh realities of the system.

Stepping into the fray is Thimmaiah Gowda (Ranjan), affectionately known as T, a paperboy from Mangaluru now residing in Bengaluru with his elder brother Sukesh (Raghu Shivammogga). Despite his humble origins, T undertakes the NEET exam, only to achieve average results and face the daunting task of securing a seat in a medical institute. The film chronicles his transformation into a whistleblower, as he uncovers the intricate web of corruption surrounding the NEET exam and the institution boasting a 100 percent success rate. Relying on a central clue pivotal to the film's plot and titled *Scam 1770*, T confronts the elusive figure of Basheer (Sampath Maitreya), an agent implicated in numerous cases, but he manages to evade justice until he encounters the kingpin behind it all—a revelation that shocks him to the core.

The story of this aspiring boy, striving for a medical seat with average marks and aiming to secure a place in the medical field, is not unlike that of many other aspiring students. Told primarily through the protagonist, the film's narrative serves as an eye-opener, shedding light on the lack of justice in numerous instances, leaving young aspirants to confront dead ends. However, director Vikas Pushpagiri, who initially highlights the students' struggles to secure a medical seat, takes the central character's arc in an unconventional direction. Instead of solely pursuing T's dream of obtaining a medical seat, he evolves into an investigative figure, gaining easy access to mansions and various villainous abodes. This investigative aspect of the plot that unfolds through Ranjan's character as a medical student, sometimes defies logic. However, the journey up until that point keeps audiences engaged, prompting them to connect the dots and uncover the true nature of the events depicted in the film, particularly related to coaching classes, medical seats, and NEET.

Actors such as B Suresha, Harini, Narayanaswamy, Prashanth, Raghu Shivamogga, and Nischita also play crucial roles revolving around T's journey, forming integral parts of the story.

Scam 1770 prompts society to confront the ethical implications of commodifying education. It serves as a poignant reminder that when education becomes driven by business motives, we risk losing sight of its true purpose and the sanctity of learning itself. That said, a more positive ending could have better served the purpose of the story by catering itself to a wider audience while providing them with motivation and inspiration.